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HONORS CONVOCATION

Meares, Smith get top award

JESSICA HYATT
STAFF WRITER

Years of hard work and campus involvement have paid off for Dorcia Meares, co-winner of this year's Outstanding Graduate Award.

Meares, who was successful in Taylor, was one of the winners of the award.

Meares and Smith will be honored at 11 a.m. Wednesday during the 5th annual honors convocation in Taylor Auditorium.

Meares, who will graduate May with a bachelor of arts degree in English, was nominated for the award by members of the faculty.

For me, the honor was being nominated, and then when I got it, I was really just so surprised," she said. "I've been working so hard for the last four years, and I know that I was doing the best I could do."

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Meares, a recipient of the Evans Scholarship, believes campus involvement is vital to the educational process.

"Education is not just in the classroom with the teacher lecturing; education is life," she

said. "The only way you can get the most from your institution is to actually be involved in everything you can."

Meares said she was pleased and surprised when she found out she had been named an Outstanding Graduate.

"I had just spent the day with my family, and my husband and I were driving home and stopped by the mailbox," she said. "I saw the letter there with a return address from the Alumni House; I ripped the letter open, saw 'Congratulations,' and

started crying."

"I couldn't even read the letter, so I handed it to my husband and he read it. It took a while to get the car in the driveway."

After graduation, Meares and her husband plan to open a business specializing in Renaissance costumes. They also have several other ideas for small businesses.

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HEARING THE MUSE



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Oleg Volkov, Russian pianist and judge for the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, officially opened the week-long festivities with a concert Tuesday evening in Taylor.

BOARD OF REGENTS

Leon to recommend tuition increase tomorrow

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Missouri Southern students will see an increase in tuition next year after the Board of Regents approves a 1.5% hike at its meeting tomorrow.

College President Julio Leon will present a proposal to the regents which has "the least possible impact on the students."

"We are just working with the numbers right now," Leon said. "We haven't decided on the final numbers."

"It won't be a substantial increase; we are trying to keep it as low as possible."

Leon said he wants to keep the increase low to maintain Southern's reputation for having the lowest tuition in the state.

He said the tuition increase is

necessary.

"[It is caused] by a combination of things," he said. "We need to supplement what the state is going to give us in order to accomplish what we want to do."

Doug Crandall, Board president, said the administration currently is "crunching numbers."

"We are seeing declining dollars from the legislature,"

Crandall said. "When we see that happen, we know what we have to prepare ourselves for."

Also during the 8 a.m. meeting in the Billingsly Student Center, the regents will discuss faculty promotions and the proposed multipurpose arena.

Leon said he will update the Board on the status of the arena and discuss what future action is possible.

Doman eyes new post

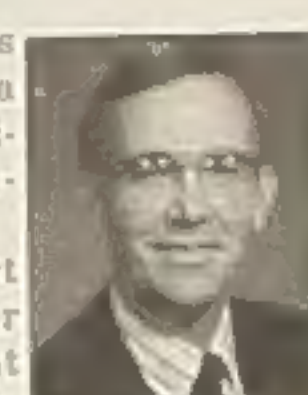
By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Missouri Southern could be losing another administrator to Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Ark.

Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling, is one of three final-

ists in ATU's search for a new vice president for student services.

Dr. Robert Brown, former vice president for academic affairs, as-



Doman

sumed the Arkansas Tech presidency in July.

"I have no burning desire to leave Missouri Southern," Doman said. "This is a personal and professional advancement opportunity."

— Please turn to Doman, page 2

A NEW LOOK



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, gets a taste of the Incoming Campus Activities Board administration after Amy Love, president, and Kevin Leuthen, vice president, re-decorated her office.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Self-defense class put on hold

Sly, a former officer, is not allowed to teach after losing College job

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Teaching self-defense moves has become an activity to defend for one Missouri Southern student this semester.

On April 12, campus security was called to Stegge Hall where Roderick Sly, sophomore sociology major, was teaching self-defense moves to some students from a class he formerly instructed.

The security report stated that Sly, a security guard at the College until April 1, was not allowed to teach the class. Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said the reason is related to safety.

"It's a liability problem," he said. "He used to be a security officer and he's not any longer; he was authorized as an officer

to teach it (the self-defense class)."

Carnahan said Stegge Hall is not equipped with medical facilities that would be needed in case of an accident.

"We suggested to him to work something out with the physical education department," he said.

The physical education department has medical facilities available in Young Gymnasium.

Sly, however, believes there is more to the situation.

"I was wrong having a class in Stegge Hall, but it's not about liability," Sly said. "It's about the person who's teaching the class."

Sly said he believes that because he expressed his dissatisfaction with several administrators' actions, he was terminated as a security guard and "blackballed" by them.

He said he had planned to teach the class in the gymnasium.

"We went to the gym that night, and they (building personnel) informed me that I

couldn't have the class," Sly said.

He also said the 12 women in his class are the ones being hurt.

"People feel because we live in Joplin, Mo.; it's not needed," Sly said. "There's definitely a need for it."

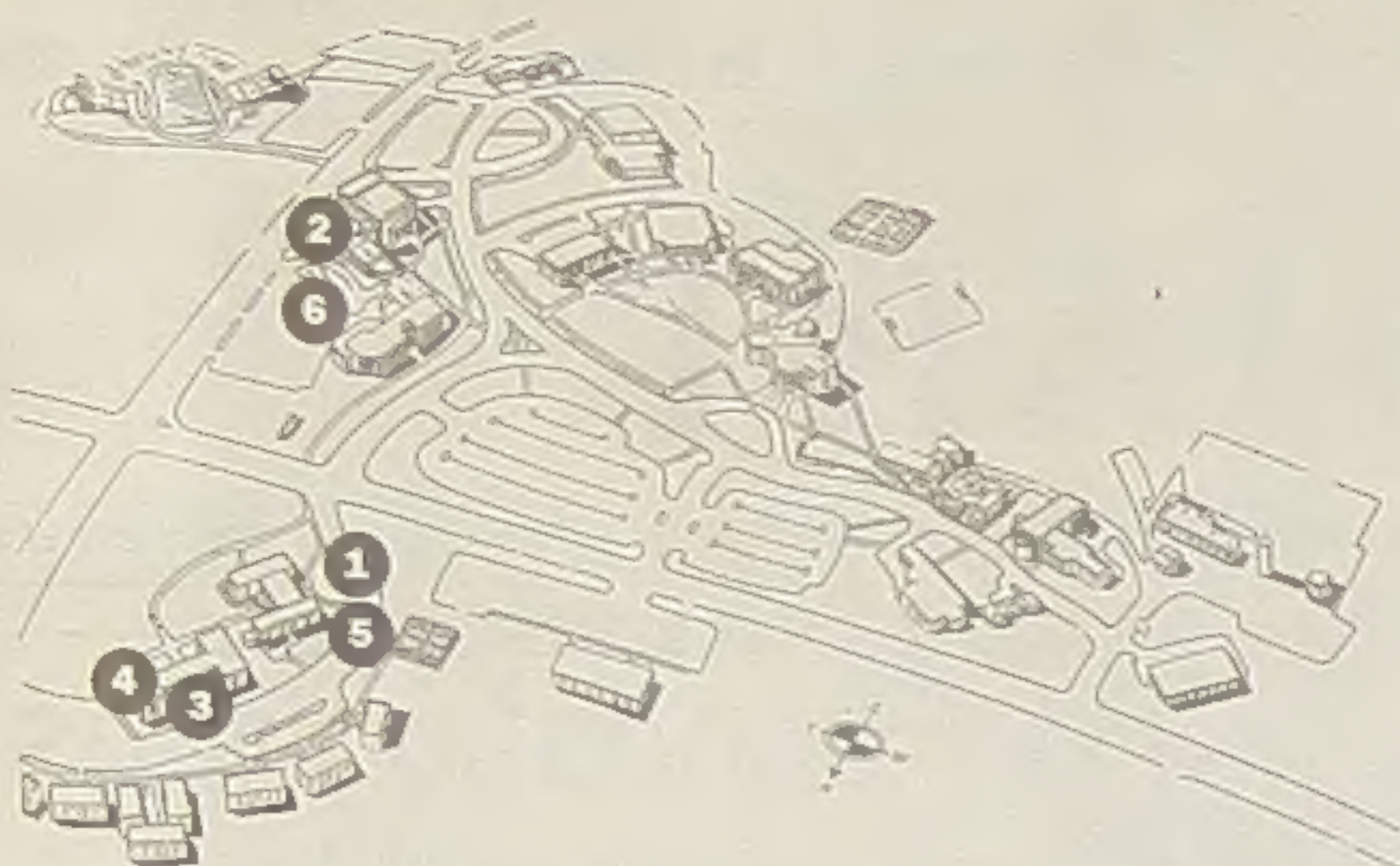
"It's just sad that we have to deal with politics; you make suggestions, and it just goes by the wayside."

Sly, who was trained in the Marine Corps, has taught such classes for the military overseas. Now he is trying to get the self-defense class offered through the continuing education office, but he wants to keep it free and limited to women.

"I [originally] directed it toward women in the dorm area," he said. "We (men) are their aggressors most of the time."

According to the April 12 security report, Sly and three women were going over some self-defense moves in the basement of Stegge Hall.

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



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| 1 | 04/14/94 LOT 23 | 4:15 a.m. | Campus Security reported that a black sports car registered to Beverly Cockran, of Carthage, was traveling at a high rate of speed. |
| 2 | 04/14/94 MUSIC | 11:00 a.m. | Bruce Dobbs of Fagan Electric reported that some keys were missing from their work area. The master keys were found later. |
| 3 | 04/14/94 BLAINE HALL | 9:45 a.m. | Colby Thomas reported that \$89 was taken from his wallet in his room, after he left to take a shower. |
| 4 | 04/15/94 BLAINE HALL | 10:43 p.m. | A fight in front of the building occurred between Chris Stark and Wardell Anderson. Stark told Security he instigated the fight. |
| 5 | 04/18/94 LOT 23 | 12:35 p.m. | A vehicle, owned by Vicky Smith, was struck in the back fender by an unknown vehicle. |
| 6 | 04/19/94 LOT 26 | 1:30 p.m. | A vehicle driven by Kam Chasten backed into a passing vehicle, driven by Mary Glauber, as it was leaving the lot. |

Source: Campus Security office

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Senior to study Anasazi

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Another social science student is heading for an archeological experience this summer, but Rebecca Fanoelle is after more than just college credit.

Fanoelle, a senior sociology major, will attend the 19th annual Undergraduate Field School in Southwestern Archaeology in Colorado City, Ariz., from June 1 to July 3.

"I'm just doing it for my own personal reasons," Fanoelle said. "I'm doing it for the adventure of learning."

The school will be housed in a tent city in Little Creek, Mont.—approximately 11 miles from an archeological dig of a late Pueblo II site.

Fanoelle said no previous experience was required; the school will teach the beginning-level skills including excavation techniques, photography, and recording data.

During the day, the group will focus on the excavation, but at night they will attend lectures and laboratory work.

She will study the Anasazi, the term for the cultures of prehistoric basket makers. This group was responsible for the communal dwellings found in the southwestern United States where the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah meet.

Fanoelle said she has started to do some research since learning she will join the program, which she will pay \$750 to participate in. She says some activities

have encouraged her study. "I've been working on a genealogy tree for 10 years," she said. "I guess that's where it comes from."

She said her study of Missouri Southern has changed her outlook on life. "I have a whole different perspective on life," Fanoelle said. "Instead of looking at the future, I look at the past."

"My studies lean toward the individual, with the people do what they do, and the future come and go."

The University of Utah is sponsoring the program, which offers graduate-level quarter credits.

"I am not sure how many hours will transfer to MSSC," Fanoelle said.

DOMAN, from page 1

"I am at the stage in my career where I'm looking at that type of opportunity."

Doman said he applied for the position at Arkansas Tech in order to "see what options were out there."

Brown said 81 candidates applied for the position, with a search committee narrowing the field to eight finalists.

"We had three candidates come to campus for interviews, and we are now in the review process," Brown said. "I expect a

decision to be made sometime in the next week."

Brown said although he and Doman had enjoyed a previous working relationship at Southern, Doman surfaced as a finalist via the search committee.

Doman, who came to Southern in 1987 after 11 years at Southwest Missouri State University, said the position at Arkansas Tech is appealing.

"I have aspired to achieve a student affairs position all of my

life," he said. "But I express enough that I'm happy at Missouri Southern."

"I think I work for a college, and it is those characteristics which made me a Missouri Southern is a darn good quality of education."

Doman said if offered a position at Arkansas Tech, he "in a serious decision mode" to determine his action.

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FACULTY SENATE

College torpedoes 2 of 3 proposals

JOHN HACKER
CHART EDITOR

College administrators approved one of three recommendations made earlier this year by the Faculty Senate regarding Missouri Southern's book rental policy.

John Tiede, senior vice president, told senators Monday the College would increase the limit for purchase books from \$25 to \$35.

However, the College will not allow faculty to choose two text-

in the purchase cycle.

Monday, senators approved a recommendation to extend the fee waiver for faculty members' families to the survivors of non-probationary faculty who have died or the families of those who no longer work for Southern due to disability or retirement.

Two changes to the Faculty Senate executive committee also were approved for recommendation to the full faculty organization. One would create a non-voting position for the immediate past president, and

6 The rental fee for students would go from \$3 to \$15 per credit hour. That would be about \$200 per semester, and that would basically negate the whole purpose of the rental policy.

— Dr. John Tiede

for each class or change the cycle for textbook replacement from three years to two.

Tiede said Southern expects to spend \$300,000 on new texts this year, but if the policy were changed as the Senate recommended, the College could have spent as much as \$1.5 million.

The rental fee for students would go from \$3 to \$15 per credit hour," Tiede said. "That would be about \$200 per semester, and that would basically negate the whole purpose of the rental policy."

Tiede said his figures were based on the possibility of having to purchase a new textbook every class offered at a cost of approximately \$900,000. The fees also included purchasing textbooks for two years instead of one to make up for the change

the other would make the parliamentarian a voting member of the committee. President Anita Singleton said these proposals would come up at the fall meeting of the faculty organization.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, senator from the social science department, asked if the executive committee had looked into the creation of a budget for Senate operations. Dr. Ray Malzahn, interim vice president for academic affairs, said the Senate needed to decide if it wanted an actual operating budget or a travel budget.

"Right now things like printing and copying are handled by the office of vice president for academic affairs," Malzahn said.

Senators passed a motion directing the executive committee to look into the matter.

HORSEING AROUND



Craig Richardson of Campus Security pampers Jim Alcorn's horse while Alcorn took a stroll about the campus on Tuesday.

THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Fields 'breaks a leg'

Dr. Jay Fields, head of the theatre department, broke his ankle at approximately 10:15 p.m. Saturday after the showing of the Missouri Southern play, *Quilters*.

Fields was taking down some quilts when he fell off a ladder.

At first, he thought it was a sprain. He was taken home, but went to the hospital the next

day when the pain became too much for him to bear.

His doctor found a hairline fracture.

Fields, now in a cast, walks with the aid of crutches.

"It hasn't slowed him down a bit," said Tabitha Davison, a student secretary in the theatre department.

Fields directed the four-night production of *Quilters*.

STUDENT SENATE

Lighting problems instigate petition

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

For the second week in a row, no business was conducted at last night's Student Senate meeting.

Troy Comeau, senior senator, filled in for treasurer Brian Rash. He said Phi Alpha Theta returned \$398.02 of its allocation, bringing the Senate's balance to \$873.79.

Progress is being made on the commencement committee requested by a Senate resolution two weeks ago. Barbara Bauer, junior senator, said she contacted James Gray, dean of the school of business.

"He suggested we contact the three club presidents of the clubs in the business school," Bauer said.

She said the clubs are conducting elections, and she will check back with them after the elections are over.

Scott Hettinger, junior senator, said the Senate will operate a dunk tank during Spring Fling.

John Weedn, freshman senator,

said he has heard complaints about the lighting on campus. He asked if the security committee had made any recommendations concerning the problem.

"We compiled a list of the areas we felt the lighting needed to be looked into and gave them to (Senior Vice President John) Tiede, and he said he would get back to us if he needed to and he hasn't," said Autumn Lawrence, freshman senator.

Senate President Cami Davey said Dorcia Meares, senior English major, is conducting a petition drive to have the lighting in the oval improved.

Paul Hood, senior senator, asked what the status of the constitution committee was after Ken DeLaughter, senior senator and chair of the committee, resigned last week. Davey said Ramona Austin (sic), junior senator, and Weedn are taking over the committee.

Stacy Schoen, sophomore senator, said several people have complained about the limit of graduation tickets. Davey said she and Schoen will meet with College President Julio Leon next week to address those complaints.

Publication boosts students

The career planning and placement office has launched a quarterly newsletter, *Career Highlights*, for area employers.

The idea for the newsletter was developed through a recent evaluation of career planning and placement services, according to Nancy Loomer, director. She said the evaluation process utilized quality improvement teams of students and faculty.

"The ideas of this group and

others have proven very beneficial as we continue to evaluate and improve our office," Loomer said.

Each issue of *Career Highlights* will provide employers with a closer look at two of Missouri Southern's degrees and majors offered. The communications and education departments were in the inaugural issue. Profiles of seniors Kaylea Hutson, Monte McFerron, Lara Gandy, and Travis Bard were included.

Spring Fling is Upon Us!

EVENTS:

Monday-May 2
Preliminary Round - Sand Volleyball
(sign-up deadline - Wed. April 27, 4 person co-ed teams)
Huck Finn - The Movie
(7 & 9:30 BSC 2nd floor lounge)

Tuesday-May 3
Ultimate Frisbee - for info, call 625-9669

Wednesday-May 4
Musician Jack Gladstone
(noon BSC 2nd floor Lounge)

Thursday-May 5
Jaws at the Pool, 8:00 p.m. FREE!!!

Friday-May 6
All-Campus Picnic - Biology Pond
(10:45-1:30, Menu includes: chicken, sausage & meatball hoagies)
Bungee Run - 10-2 Biology Pond
Entertainment by The Airborne Comedians
Finals of Sand Volleyball Tournament
Luau/Dance - Music by Reggie Franklin
(9-1, Biology Pond)

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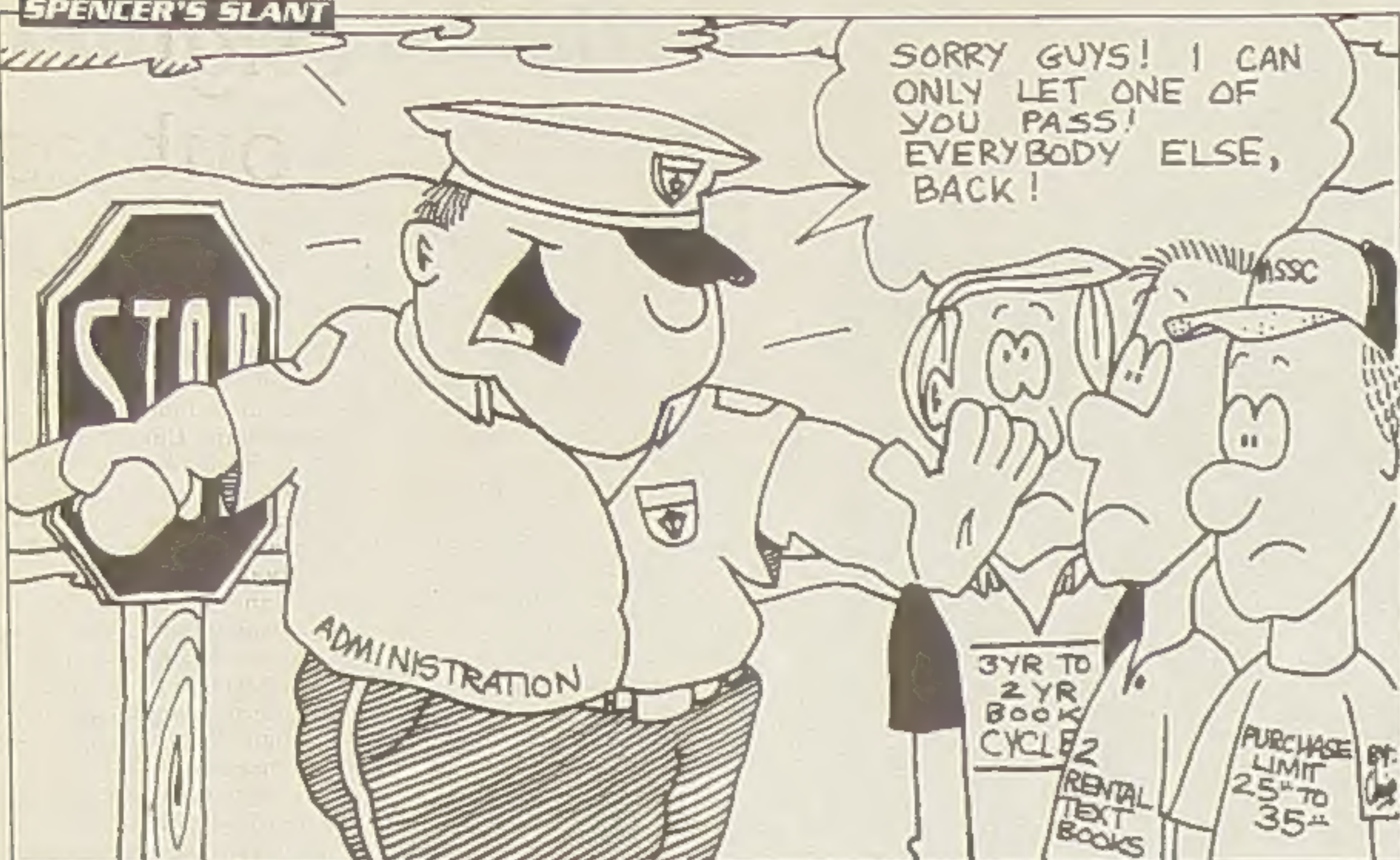
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SPENCER'S SLANT



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of The Chart staff. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Fair move: College made correct decision on textbook rental modifications

Enie, meanie, minie, moe.

When the Faculty Senate asked the College to completely overhaul the textbook rental system, it was asking for a lot. Changes in book replacement cycle, number of rental books per course, and the amount of money each course could ask students to spend on additional purchase texts might have been fatal to the low-cost textbook rental system Missouri Southern likes to tout.

Fortunately, Senior Vice President John Tiede did the right thing by only approving an increase in the limit on purchase books from \$25 to \$35. The other suggestions, which would have put a strain on both the students and the College's budgets, were abandoned.

Tiede paints a grim financial picture when he discusses the cost of taking on the additional

suggestions. While the situation may not be as bad as he says, the changes could have added a financial burden the College can't afford.

While many in the faculty may lament the lack of changes in the policy, it remains a fair system. The College has long been very liberal in allowing exceptions to the one rental book per class rule, as well as the monetary limit on purchase books.

The rental system is supposed to keep student costs down, and the changes should allow that to continue. Change most often equates into additional costs, and in the case of textbooks, additional costs are unwanted and unwarranted.

Many times the student body is told to make do with what it has, because the College is financially strapped.

This time, it's the faculty's turn.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them to (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Former 'strict' vegetarian questions moral issue

I read with interest the recent column regarding vegetarianism and the ethical treatment of animals. I can readily identify with the writer's point of view, as at one point in my life I too was a strict vegetarian for what I perceived to be ethical and deeply philosophical motives. I continue to believe that the compassionate and human treatment of animals is an important issue.

In my case, I found it very easy to look at cows, pigs, chickens, deer, etc., and feel shame for being a part of their demise (I also found it very easy to pass judgment on others who continued to eat meat.) If someone makes the argument that it's wrong to kill one animal for human convenience, then they must believe that

it's wrong to take all animal life to satisfy human needs if their views are to be consistent with their speech. This would include mice, rats, ants, spiders, snakes, mosquitoes, ad infinitum. If it's wrong to take the life of a cow for the convenience of man, then it is also wrong to take the life of a rat for the same reason. Otherwise the argument makes no logical sense whatsoever.

I don't know Mr. Hood personally and I don't claim to know his position on the following, but based on my own past and from reading the writings of other such "environmentalists," there is a much darker side to many who hold this viewpoint. While perfectly willing to chain themselves to a tree in order to protect the spotted owl, or to speak out against the wearing of fur, many of

these same people are marching and carrying signs to protect the "right" of women to kill their unborn babies. I can't help but wonder if these folks (who display so much sentiment for the animals of the world) were to rummage through a garbage bin full of dead human beings and the assorted mangled pieces of babies left over from the abortion process—would they stand to defend the children as strongly as they do the baby cows and baby seals they claim to represent? Anything less would remove the facade of morality and reveal these people to be nothing more than hypocrites and liars.

John Fisher
Junior business major

Students not thought of by graduation planners

The plans for this year's graduation could use a major overhaul. A plan that allows four guests per graduate is not only unacceptable, but rude and thoughtless on the part of the planners. Graduation is the high point of many years of hard work for not only the student, but for his or her family, too. Limiting each graduate to only four guests means that some family members will be prevented from sharing in this experience.

The idea that any extra tickets will be available later is not very realistic. The majority of seniors will be waiting to pick up tickets instead of returning unwanted ones.

The solution to this problem is not easy. The availability of a facility large enough to house this size of event inside is nonexistent in this area. The only realistic place is out-

side. The concern of weather is reasonable, but to rule out any chance of holding the ceremony outside only makes the hope of an enjoyable graduation impossible.

In a previous article, a list of reasons for the change of format was given. One of these reasons was the difficulties in changing from one outside ceremony to two inside ceremonies on short notice. What is wrong with leaving the ceremonies split, but leave the option for an outside ceremony open?

If the weather changes for the worse, then the people will still show up at the right time and close to the right place. If the weather is nice, all of the graduates' families will be able to participate. The other complaint about the sun is very selfish.

These ceremonies aren't designed to honor the faculty; they are meant as a celebration for people who have

worked very hard and want to share their achievements with family.

Finally, the whole process of deciding when and where graduation (takes place) was decided for the seniors with no input from the students. This is wrong. Missouri Southern is our college, and the students should have an active role in deciding how some things are to happen instead of being left on the side while decisions are made for us.

In the future, arrangements need to be made in a way so that the students will have some type of input on the decisions. For this to happen, the students must take immediate action of some form to change this unfortunate situation!

Charles Henry
Senior chemistry major

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Spare the rod

Safety no reason to relinquish rights

Just how far are Americans willing to go for safety in our streets?

With the debate raging over the Michael Fay caning sentence in Singapore and the seemingly-unconstitutional drug and weapons sweeps in the Cabrini Green area of Chicago, one might think many Americans would be

feeling their civil rights being squeezed to the limits.

But no.

A cursory glance at letters to the editor sections of major U.S. newspapers or listening to a few minutes of a radio call-in show reveal a frightening trend. Many Americans are more than willing to seemingly wave constitutional or civil rights, if not their own then those of someone else.

"Let his butt fry," they say. "He did the crime, he has to pay their price."

The Fay case is an intriguing one, no doubt. And there is some ethical dilemma between respecting a nation's sovereignty and protecting an American citizen. However, we as a nation have long been the protectors of the helpless, and if we can commit hundreds of millions of dollars to "liberating" a small middle-eastern country or feeding starving people in Africa, surely the U.S. can step in here.

But regardless of whether the Singapore government ruthlessly flogs the young man, the most frightening aspect of the whole story is that many Americans want to see caning introduced in this country. As if beating

someone so severely that death is inevitable and scarring is inevitable the kind of business we need involved in.

But it will deter crime. People will think before they act. Right, just like the death penalty. Does anyone honestly believe



By Chad Hayworth
Executive Editor

chair."

Give me a break. He's the one who needs some money and he needs it now.

What really mows me down is many of the same folks who are thirsty for the cruel and unusual punishment of caning are also about their "constitutional" carry a gun. Are we really some constitutional and civil more important than others? protect the Fifth Amendment screw the others? Nice attitude.

The rub is that simple answers solve complex social problems. People ruthlessly or illegally doors to search for killing the solve anything. Our system and privileges has lasted this one simple reason, it works with it now certainly isn't move.

Protect your civil rights; that's one thing that makes America

IN PERSPECTIVE

Lending a hand

Getting involved makes college easier

Eavesdropping has become one of my favorite pastimes since being appointed student representative to the Board of Regents. In the beginning I thought it would be hard to get input from people about College issues. But I've found that just about everyone loves to talk about what they do and don't like about their school.

I have developed a sort of radar. Whenever anyone starts talking about a College-related subject, my ears perk up and I move a little closer to hear the conversation.

This has paid off because I have heard several concerns from students as well as positive comments about the College. Here are just a few.

During an economics class, we began talking about student activity fees. A non-traditional, commuter student said she felt the activity fee was unfair because she did not have time to participate in any of the activities that the fee covered. My professor also added that he had heard many night-class students say they did not think they should have to pay because they worked all day, went to class all night, and could not be involved with any campus events.

My first reaction was that I understood how busy people are, raising a family, working, doing school work, and some driving from towns many

miles away. So I did a little research to find out how much the fee was and what it was used for. For a full-time student, the activity fee is \$10. For a part-time student, it's \$5. Five dollars from the fee goes directly to Crossroads, a campus organization, and the remaining \$5, 20 percent is sent to the Student Senate.



By Stacy Schoen
Student Regent

AGE: 20

BACKGROUND: Schoen is a sophomore commercial art major from Mt. Vernon. She was named student regent in December.

sound like a bad deal; compare schools, you would pay the semester in activity fees.

Let's look at what you receive for that money. First, the Crossroads. If you are an organization and want a trip or bring in speakers, the money from Senate. You get free to all sporting events.

CAB provides you with R activities, Spring Fling luncheon, and free stuff throughout the year (calendars, key rings, bird cakes, sunglasses, etc.). The acrobats, magicians, comedians, motivational speakers, and others. And they also have a month, dances, and all kinds of tests where you win prizes.

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"I keep six honest serving-men [They taught me all I knew]; Their names are What and Why and When and How and Where and Who."

—Rudyard Kipling

Deaths prompt gunfire in Kigali

ECONOMIST

They had gone together to Tanzania to talk peace. On their way back, on April 6, President Juvenal Habyarimana of Rwanda and Cyprien Ntaryamira of Burundi were both killed in a rocket attack (it seems) as they approached the airport at Kigali. The immediate result was a massacre in Kigali. The state radio aired classical music, and with defense ministry officials for calm. Three ministers from Rwanda's government were reported kidnapped. The next step could be mass killing. It is only six months since a president of Burundi was assassinated in an attempted coup in the country's capital, Bujumbura, by the army last October. Over 100,000 people died in the ethnic massacres that followed. Whole families were slaughtered in the hills and villages, as Tutsi and Hutu fought on each other with axes. Hundreds of thousands fled across the borders, where they have been living in refugee camps, some in Rwanda. The war now is that the deaths of two presidents will unleash tribal bloodletting.

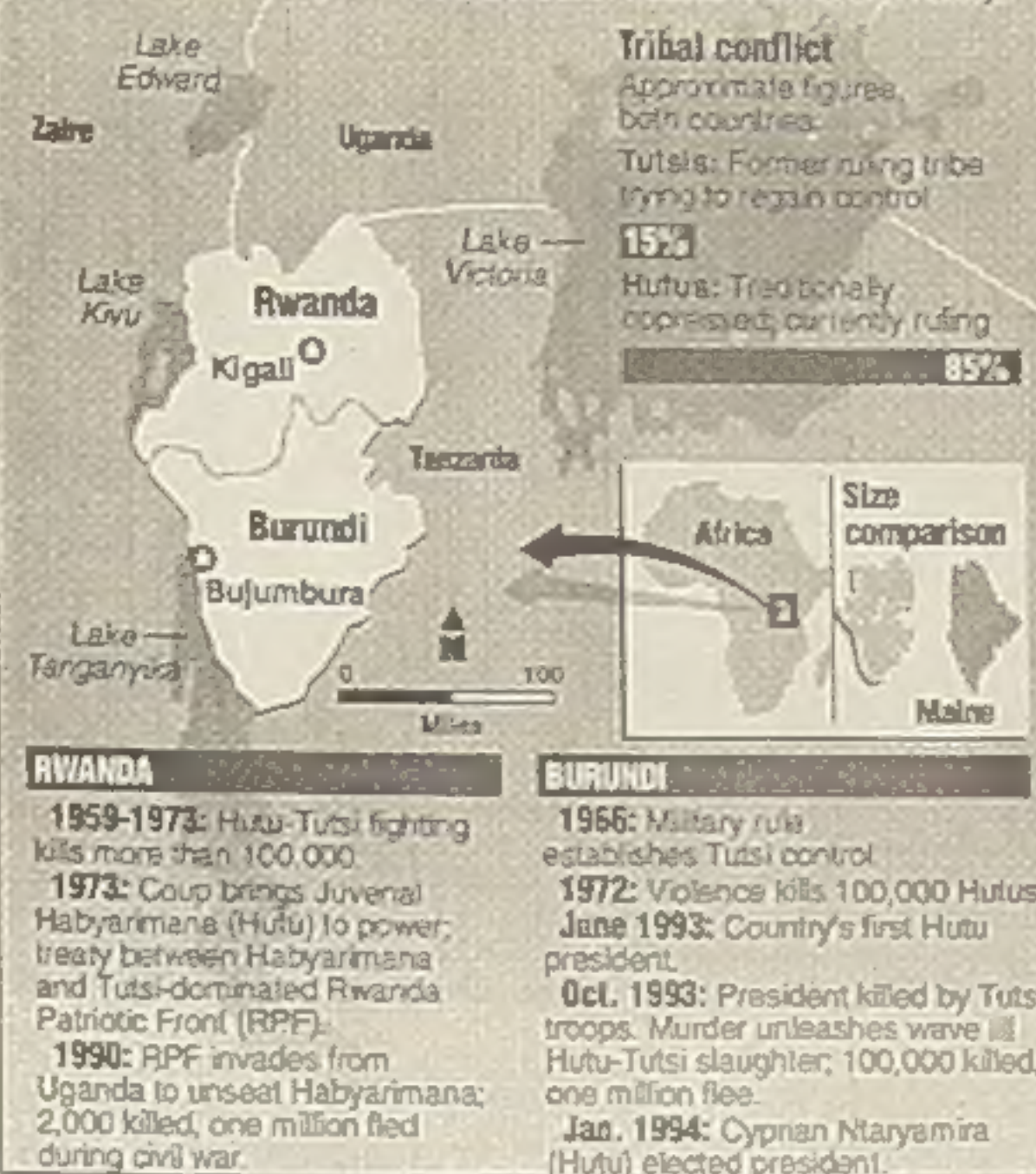
Ethnic hostility in both countries stems from ancient rivalries between the tall Tutsi cattle-men from the north, who are far fewer in number, and the Hutu majority whom they ruled for centuries under a feudal system, a relationship entrenched by Belgian colonial rule, especially in Burundi. Both presidents killed this week were ethnic Hutu. It was Tutsi officers, who dominate Burundi's army, that murdered him.

At least Ndadaye tried to integrate the ethnic groups. He had won Burundi's first democratic election last June chiefly by being a member of the biggest tribe in a country where a free vote naturally meant a vote along ethnic lines. Ndadaye tried to ease the Tutsi grip on the army by bringing in more Hutu. He survived four months.

Experience in Rwanda does little to inspire confidence that an end to Tutsi overlordship could possibly bring an end to the periodic killings. There, ethnic Hutu have had the upper hand since they rebelled in 1959 against Tutsi allies in favor of the ethnic majority. General Habyarimana, who had ruled the country for 21 years since grabbing power in a bloodless coup, carried on the tradition of ethnic patronage—dishing out

Rwanda and Burundi

With Wednesday's deaths of both their countries' presidents, Rwanda and Burundi face heightened tribal unrest. A look at their recent history.



top jobs to Hutus—and giving the Tutsi a taste of what it was like to be bottom dog. Tutsi rebels, who fled to neighboring Uganda, formed the Rwanda Patriotic Front and invaded Rwanda in 1990.

In recent months there had been some hope of securing a new peace. A three-year civil war that followed the rebel invasion was supposedly ended after a peace deal had been put

together and signed in August. During the war, however, Rwanda built up a mighty armory for a small country.

Though the UN peace keepers' mandate was this week renewed for a further four months, they may prove powerless to prevent ethnic reprisals leading to a dreadful spilling of blood. In Rwanda the fear is that the Hutu-dominated army will try to avenge their president's murder.

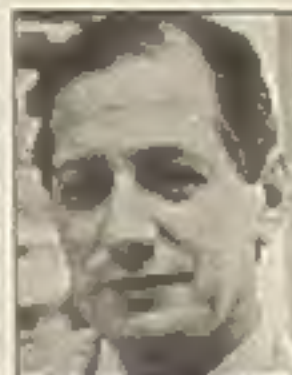
GLOBAL VIEWS

Homicide signals society's troubles

By RODOLFO SCHWEIZER

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

It seems that 1994 will be a critical year for Mexico. The Mexicans woke up on the first day of January with the news about the rebellion in Chiapas, which allowed us to know the other reality of the country. Then came the assassination of Luis D. Colosio, candidate for president for the Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI), already in power for 64 years. After these events, the general idea about a modern and "without problem" country was gone.



Schweizer

The assassination of Colosio allows us to analyze the reaction of different sectors. The first to react was, naturally, the PRI. Elections are on the 21st of August, and a new candidate was necessary for the position. As usual in the recent history of Mexico, the new candidate is an economist graduated in Yale with no experience as a politician. He has been defined as a cold follower of modern econom-

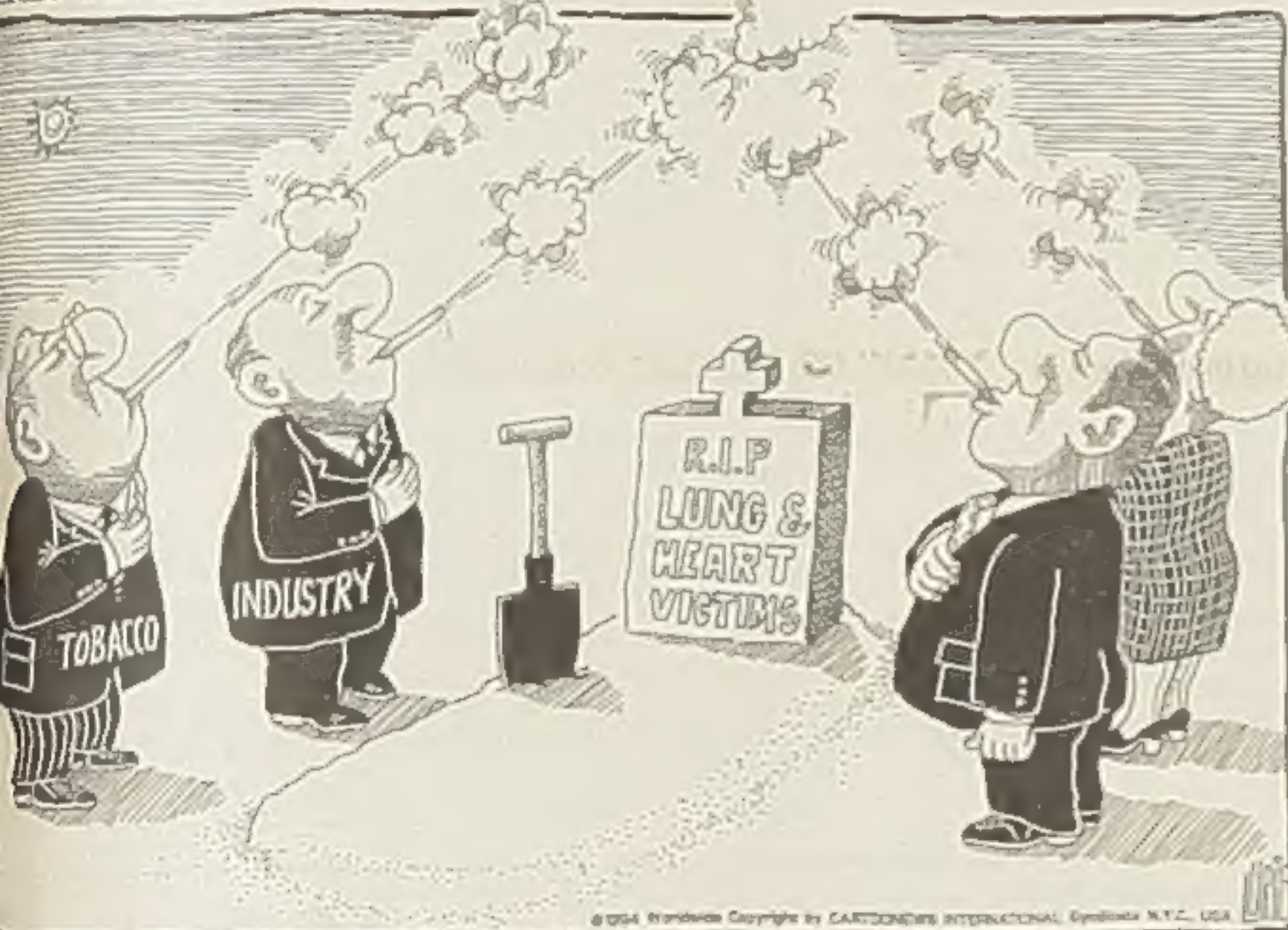
ic theories, which induces us to think he may lack sensitivity to the social problems of Mexico, something extremely necessary at this moment.

The reactions to the selection of Zedillo include those of the intellectuals. Carlos Fuentes, one of the leading writers of Mexico, expressed his disappointment with the way PRI selected Zedillo. Carlos Monsivais, another modern writer and journalist, said we are watching the preview of the funeral of the PRI. Nobel Prize winner Octavio Paz expressed his concern saying Mexico may be going back to the same kind of struggle and fight that characterized its 19th Century history. For the economists the problem was finished with the selection of Mr. Zedillo which, I think, is an irresponsible judgment.

The assassination of Mr. Colosio brings up many questions. It is already known that seven people—including his own personal bodyguard—were part of the plot. They themselves cleared the way for the assassin. These people were connected to the security and the police. The assassin himself

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LURE'S WORLD



A 21 Puff Salute

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Talk-show host selling video of his own brain surgery for \$22.50

CHUCK SHEPHERD

UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Los Angeles talk-show host Joe Crumney has begun offering for sale a 30-minute video of his recent brain surgery. The tape, made by St. Vincent Medical Center staff, includes interviews with Crumney's doctors and Crumney's station colleagues and costs \$22.50.

THE CONTINUING CRISIS

The Lebanon (Pa.) Daily News reported in March that an ear-piercing establishment at the local mall had pierced the ears of an 11-month-old girl who was brought by her 16-year-old mother, but refused to do the mother's bidding. The proprietor said that the daughter had her mother's permission, but that he couldn't do the mother's because she was under 18 and thus needed HER mother's permission.

In Alhambra, Calif., in March, Robert C. Lewis, 52, was jailed for four days without possibility of bail after his unlicensed Labrador-shepherd dog chased a cat into the street. And in Clearwater, Fla., two weeks later, Michael C. Diana, 24, was also jailed for four days without possibility of bail after being convicted by a jury of publishing obscene comic books on a photocopy machine.

The Washington Post reported in September that at the third annual Fairfax County (Va.) Slugfest, "Slippery" beat out 49 other slugs in the Tour de Slug race. Also featured at the festival: slug face-painting, the slime toss and the official drink—green "slimeade." A 12-year-old boy in attendance demonstrated his skill at flicking his tongue in and out of his mouth with his slug, Mickey, attached. He said that despite washing Mickey (his slug) several times with soap beforehand, "the slime [still] sticks between your teeth. I've still

got some slime from yesterday."

According to the prosecutor at trial in September in Milwaukee, Antonio Mendez, 18, told police at the time of his arrest: "You know, this is going to wreck my whole summer. I'm not going to be able to go to Summerfest. It's not like [the 15-year-old victim] was the president or anything. She's just a girl."

On Valentine's Day, police in West Springfield, Mass., chased away four women who claimed to be members of "Lesbian Avengers" and who were passing out candy and leaflets near an elementary school. The leaflets, proclaiming "Girls who love girls and women who love women are OK!!!" contained a telephone number for a lesbian and gay hotline that turned out to be a recording that advertised gay phone sex at \$1.98 per minute.

In September, the Occupational Safety and Health

Administration in Washington, D.C., announced it had issued 60 citations and \$90,000 in fines for unsafe workplace conditions at the Federal Building in Kansas City, Mo., which is the regional OSHA office.

Recently, University of Massachusetts Professor Robert Malloy announced a plan to save the endangered African black rhinoceros from hunters who kill them for their horns. At a cost of about \$2,000 per animal, officials would tranquilize the rhino, remove the horn, and attach an artificial one. The horn would be painted orange to discourage poachers. Namibia has rejected the proposal, preferring its program to remove but not replace the horns, but Malloy says that an artificial horn is necessary for rhinos' social standing within the group.

GREAT ART

In March, performance artist Ron Athey stunned audience members at the Walker Art

Museum in Minneapolis by piercing parts of his body, slicing the back of accomplice Darryl Carlton, wiping the blood on towels, and passing them on a clothesline over the audience. A spokesperson said Athey has AIDS and the show was directed at the AIDS-phobic society, but that there was no risk to audience members from the infected blood. Carlton said such erotic torture is "revered in Africa and feared in America."

In June at the Biennale art show in Venice, Italy, an animal activist filed abuse charges against Japanese artist Yukinori Yanagi, who had used more than 200 ants in a labyrinth of colored sand dunes and tunnels shaped like nations' flags that he called "Can Art Change the World?" Following the show, Yanagi freed the ants.

In September, funded in part through a \$4,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, three artists selected 71 cows near Boulder, Wyo., and painted feminist poetry by early settler

Phyllis Luman Metal on their hides. Said artist Sue Thornton, "Cows are great, and so are women. Their lives are about self-sacrifice and motherhood."

I DON'T THINK SO

Sheriff's Lt. Armand Tiano, a candidate for Santa Clara County sheriff, apologized to voters when a recent photo surfaced of him with a motorcycle and three topless dancers. Tiano said he had posed with the dancers only as a favor to a friend and said, "If I had known they were going to [expose their breasts], I wouldn't have [done it]."

UNDIGNIFIED DEATH

A 45-year-old minister was electrocuted in February at the Christian Fellowship Church in Larose, La., as he was standing in a pool about to baptize a dozen people. According to the coroner's office, the cause was either the microphone he was holding or a faulty pool heater.

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I believe this is a great variety of activities, something for everyone. It is true that many of the giveaways and contests are in the Billingsly Student Center and some students may not go to that particular building. My point is that I think students got a lot for their \$20 a semester and should try to participate. I do understand that with a family or living farther from campus it takes more effort to attend these

activities, but it's worth it and you might be surprised how you can work them in your schedule. Many of these activities provide good family entertainment at no or little cost.

Another good way to hear the opinions of students is through the Student Senate. One issue I hear from the Senate is that many would like to see student representatives on committees that make decisions that affect

students. Presently, many committees do have a student representative, but some still do not. I strongly believe students should know what decisions are being made and how these decisions will affect them. Students are very beneficial to a committee because of the input they can give.

I would encourage everyone to become involved with the Student Senate. It is a great

experience, and you have the opportunity to have your opinions and ideas heard. Also, the food committee would greatly appreciate any students who eat in the cafeteria to attend their meetings. Times and dates of these meetings are posted in the BSC.

These are just a few of the comments I have heard so far, and with these as examples, I would like to conclude that if you are not happy with the sta-

tus quo, say or do SOMETHING. The Student Senate has a suggestion box in the Billingsly Student Center, so drop them a note. Write something for the paper, talk to a student senator, talk to your professors, your deans, your administration.

You know the old phrases "students make the school," "you get what you put in to it," and "life isn't a dress rehearsal." If you

disagree with something or think it could be done better, go out and become involved. Students can have a powerful voice if they choose to, and the school will listen.

So I challenge you to take the first step. Join an organization, write a letter, attend a board meeting, or ask questions. And if you think all that sounds like too much, just find me and tell me your concerns. I'll be waiting.

CAMPUS
EVENTS
CALENDAR

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24	25	26	27			

Today 21

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Industrial Arts Fair, BSC third floor.
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall (Apt. B).
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 313.
Noon to 1 p.m.—"From the Dust and Ashes," a Holocaust documentary, presented by Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 311.
2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.—National Broadcasting Society/Alpha Epsilon Rho, Webster Hall first floor conference room.

Tomorrow 22

6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.—FCA breakfast, BSC 310.
8 a.m.—Board of Regents, BSC 314.
5 p.m.—Student Senate executive officers petitions due, Student Services office.

Saturday 23

8 p.m.—Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority initiation, BSC third floor.

Sunday 24

7:30 p.m.—Wesley Foundation presents "Sunday Nite Live," First United Methodist Church, 4th and Byers.

Monday 25

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Honors Induction, BSC 310.
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Academic Policies, BSC 313.
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma, BSC 311.
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek Council, BSC 314.
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma Nu, BSC 313.
7 p.m.—CAB lecture, "Science Behind the Fiction," Dr. Charles Pellegrino, author of the article that started Jurassic Park to speak about the implications of genetic cloning, Webster Auditorium.

Tuesday 26

8 a.m. to 9 a.m.—Administrative Council, BSC 310.
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 310.
Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman Club, BSC 306.
Noon to 1 p.m.—College Republicans, BSC 311.
2 p.m.—Honors program presentation, "Toward the Synthesis of a New Class of Possible Antitumor Drugs," presented by Pamela Sue Hooftagle, Reynolds Hall 116.
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Career Seekers United, BSC 313.
6:30 p.m.—Southern Lantern Society Dinner, BSC third floor.
7 p.m.—Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church.
9 p.m.—Kappa Alpha Order, Geology Lab, Reynolds Hall.

Wednesday 27

11 a.m.—18th Annual Honors Convocation, Taylor Auditorium.
Noon to 1 p.m.—Baptist Students, BSC 311.
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.—STD Task Force, BSC 311.
2 p.m.—Honors program presentation, "Social and Economic Ramifications of German Reunification," presented by Raina Beck, Matthews Hall 102.

A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE



Catherine Garrison, senior elementary education major, reads to children yesterday afternoon at the Child Development Center. Kappa Delta Pi members read as part of the Reading is Fundamental Week.

KAPPA DELTA PI

Group furthers education

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

Furthering the profession of education is the purpose of the Rho Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an honors education fraternity at Missouri Southern, according to Kaye Abight, associate counselor of the organization.

The members accomplish this goal by sponsoring and co-sponsoring such activities as a Reading is Fundamental week. This is the second year the group has participated.

"It is a cooperative effort between the chapter and the national Reading is Fundamental organization," Abight said.

Members of the fraternity will read to children and distribute bookmarks at the J.C. Penney court in Northpark Mall from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The group read and distributed bookmarks to children at the child development center in Taylor Hall yesterday.

Kappa Delta Pi also participates in regional and national conventions. On May 12 stu-

dents will visit The Children's Museum in Kansas City.

"The members are exposed to ideas and a feeling of being in education" at the conferences, Abight said. "They visit with people who have been in education for many years who have different experiences and goals, and this broadens their focus."

The annual trip to The Children's Museum is a good experience for members, Abight said. It is a hands-on learning center where children may touch the exhibits and interact with them.

"It helps the students learn more about their profession," she said.

Southern's chapter was installed in 1988. Membership in the fraternity is by invitation only. Students must have a 3.5 grade-point-average, be admitted into the teacher education program, and have two faculty recommendations. Dues are \$9 for the local chapter and \$21 for the national fraternity. Members of the national fraternity receive magazines concerning various issues in the teaching profession.

About 20 percent of the students in Southern's teacher education program are members. Abight said she would like to have more students in the organization.

"We are always trying to encourage people to do well in their classes in order to be invited for initiation," she said.

The chapter initiated 21 new members on April 5, bringing current membership to 95. They are: Judy Bashor, Barbara Gauer, Mary Blair, Jennifer Elbert, Daylene Fennessey, Catherine Garrison, Renee George, Jan Gunter, Arenda Keif, Rogers Littlefield, Christine Kuhlman, Amy Larton, Nikki Puckett, Debbie Rhoades, Laura Rowan, Janet Sherwood, Steven Skaggs, Kristi Stuck, Linda Tilford, Tosha Tilford, and Denise Womble.

New officers were also initiated at the ceremony: Dr. Rosanne Joyner, counselor, Starr Sweet, president; Toni Aldridge, vice president; Amber Wilcoxson, secretary; Mary Ann Turk, treasurer; Teresa Frizzell, historian; and Julie Allen, foundations.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Campus ministry welcomes all denominations of students

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

One Christian ministry has been a part of Missouri Southern since before its beginning.

The Baptist Student Union dates back to when Southern was known as Joplin Junior College.

The Baptist Student Center was built near the campus in 1978 and has been a meeting place for hundreds of students over the years.

Steve Leatherman, BSU direc-

tor, said the organization's purpose is "to reach students for Christ, provide areas of spiritual growth and fellowship, and to provide opportunities for them to serve."

Leatherman has held his position for six years. He said he sees attendance fluctuate at meetings, but about 35 to 40 students make up a "core group." Attendance sometimes runs in the 70s, he said.

"The program starts out a lot stronger in the fall," Leatherman said.

He said the union has a week-

ly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the center. A meal is provided by area churches; various activities follow the dinner.

Leatherman said the group attends conventions and retreats throughout the year. One retreat is held in the fall at the Lake of the Ozarks and another in the summer at Glorieta, near Santa Fe, N.M.

Bible studies are held every Monday night at members' homes. During the summer, meetings are held every

CAB LECTURE

Scientist to explore genetic advances
Ideas inspire 'Jurassic Park'

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

Could the cloning of dinosaurs as seen in the blockbuster hit *Jurassic Park* become a reality?

Dr. Charles Pellegrino, who wrote a speculative article in *OMNI* magazine in 1985 about that possibility, will speak at 7 p.m. Monday in Webster Hall auditorium. His article was the basis of Michael Crichton's best-selling novel and Stephen Spielberg's film.

"I looked at several others who spoke about the same topic, and he was talking about it long ago," said Amy Love, Campus Activities Board lecture chairperson about choosing Pellegrino as a speaker. "He talks about the morals of it also."

The title of the lecture is "The

Science Behind the Fiction: Journey into the Genetic Frontier." Pellegrino presents a kind of world that may come from the genetic advances currently being made.

He presents the possibility of not only cloning dinosaurs, but also historical figures, but also chances of eliminating the aging process, modifying gender and/or the sexual orientation of an embryo, and specially boosting human intelligence and cloning humans. After presenting these possibilities, Pellegrino addresses a moral question: "If we take control of our own evolutionary destiny...should we?"

Pellegrino has authored books and holds a Ph.D. in biology.

CAB is bringing the lecture to Southern for a \$3,000. Admission to the lecture is free. Door prizes and gift certificates will be given away.

ADMISSIONS

Additional days will help students

Prospective Missouri Southern students will find open doors more often next year on campus with additional days scheduled for tours.

"We did this because we are trying to accommodate [high school] students," said Anita Francis, admissions office secretary.

"High schools aren't allowing students to take 'college days,'" she said.

This year, the admissions office held a tour on President's Day, a day when area high schools were dismissed. About 50 students attended.

Clay Deem, admissions and financial aid counselor, said high schools have started to put limits on college visits to high schools.

"The high schools expect students to be in school more," he said. "We can visit with students before school, during lunch periods and after school."

Next year tours will be given on President's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and days the district teachers' meetings.

"This is not a change, extension of what admissions has been doing," Deem said.

The traditional tour days, Monday, Wednesday, Friday will still be offered during the spring and semesters.

Tuesdays and Thursdays still will be offered in summer.

"We plan to get more instructor participation in the future," Deem said.

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624-9095
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 Hayride with Grady.
 Saturday—Comfortable
 Groes.
The Boardwalk Club
 Tonight—VooDoo Hat

Carthage
Stone's Throw Theatre
47-358-9665
 Today through Sunday,
 April 28-May 1—A Bad Year
 for Tomatoes.

SPRINGFIELD
Springfield Regency
47-862-2700
 Tonight—Blue Dixie.
 Tomorrow—Royal Crest.
 Saturday—Uncle Tupelo
 Hammons Center
 Saturday—Barry Manilow.

COLUMBIA
The Blue Note
84-874-4944
 Tomorrow—Johnny Cash
 Saturday—The Bel Airs

KANSAS CITY
Blayne's Westport
86-561-3747
 Tonight—Blues Contest.
 Tomorrow—WWB.
 Saturday—Chit Willis
 Grand Emporium
86-534-504
 Tonight—Nace Bros.
 Tomorrow—The Bel Airs.
 Blues.
 Saturday—Molly and the
 Whip with Tenderoin.
Jack Reardon Civic
Center
93-551-7003
 Earth Day Celebration.
 Folly Theatre
86-561-9999
 The Emerson String
 Quartet—8 p.m.
 Lyric Theatre
86-471-0400
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ST. LOUIS
Mississippi Nights
34-421-3853
 Tomorrow—John
 Patitucci
 Saturday—Stanley
 Jordan.
 April 30, May 1—Uncle
 Tupelo—LAST SHOW!
 May 6—Meat Puppets.
Fox Theatre
34-534-44
 April 24—Victor Borge.
 April 28—Hot Nights,
 Cool Jazz.
 May 17—Salt-N-Pepa.
 May 19-20—Winona Judd
 with the Neville Brothers.
 June 11—Jerry Seinfeld.

TULSA
Uncle Bentley's
98-664-6967
 Tonight—Screamin' Jim
 & the Mailmen.
 Tomorrow and Saturday—
 Steven Pryor.
Tulsa Performing Arts
Center
98-596-70
 Awadagin Pratt in
 Concert.
Brady Theatre
98-488-0396
 Tulsa Pops Concert
 Series—Sondheim &
 Friends.

PIANO COMPETITION

Contestants all hope to launch concert careers through MSIPC

By KAYLEA HUTSON
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Pianists from 14 countries began arriving Sunday and Monday to perform in the fifth Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

Some traveled from as far away as Kazakhstan, Japan, and the former Yugoslavia in order to participate in this week's competition.

The ultimate goal of the competitors is to take home some of the \$17,750 in cash prizes, and for the senior division contestants, a Carnegie Recital Hall debut.

The competition began Tuesday with the master class and the opening concert by MSIPC judge Oleg Volkov.

RUPERT BURLEIGH GREAT BRITAIN

Playing the piano since the age of 4, Rupert Burleigh, 28, of Great Britain, has made playing the piano his career choice.

"It's never crossed my mind to do anything else," Burleigh said, "which is good, because I can't do anything else."

Burleigh, who performs in today's round of the senior semifinals, studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London for five years. Four years ago he began to study at the Hochschule für Musik in Hannover, Germany. Upon finishing school in May, Burleigh hopes to pursue a career as a concert pianist.

"It's the reason I'm here," he said. "The concert (Carnegie Recital Hall debut) is much more important to me than the

[prize] money. "It means exposure in the states."

Burleigh learned of the MSIPC when he read the prospectus in the Hochschule library. He applied because the first round was to be conducted by video tape.

"The program is very sensible," Burleigh said. "A lot of competitions expect you to learn a lot of new music that you may never play again."

"[Here] you have the freedom to choose [the music]. There is not one set piece of music that everyone plays."

Burleigh said this allows him to choose music which he can perform on other occasions.

In addition to practicing 30-35 hours each week, he also teaches piano two days a week at a private music school in Germany.

"Teaching means more money but less practicing," he said. "I like teaching in small doses, but it gets to be too much."

Burleigh said he has been impressed by the gregarious attitude of the Joplin area.

"This is the fourth competition I've performed in, and this is the most welcoming one I've been to," he said. "It's made me feel very relaxed."

Burleigh said his host family, Hish and Barbara Majzoub, has been "absolutely marvelous."

"They have made me feel welcome and have a piano to practice on," he said. "In other contests I've faced a lonely hotel without help."

GEORGE SLAVCHEV BULGARIA

At 19, George Slavchev is the youngest competitor in the MSIPC senior division.

Slavchev, a native of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, is a freshman piano major at the Shepherd School of

Music at Rice University. He performs in today's senior semifinal rounds.

Slavchev, who has studied music in the United States for more than three years, grew up in a musical family as both his father and mother are concert pianists in Bulgaria. He first learned of the MSIPC through a flyer at his high school. He kept the flyer and corresponded with Vivian Leon, MSIPC director, from Bulgaria.

Slavchev said he decided to apply to the competition because of the proximity to Rice.

"It is important when you are starting a concert career to get heard," Slavchev said. "Some of these judges might be at different competitions and will have already gotten an impression of you."

Slavchev said this is the longest competition he has attended. He said most usually last only one day.

While he likes performing a variety of music, one of his favorite composers is Bach.

"I really like playing classical composers," he said. "I really respect Bach because he is one of the most grandiose composers."

"When I was young I loved Bach, and then I liked the other composers. But I still have this love for Bach."

Slavchev said he listened to American music such as Chicago, Earth, Wind and Fire, Kenny G, and Kool and the Gang when living in Bulgaria.

"Sting is my favorite," he said. "I also respect Stevie Wonder."

Slavchev said his goal is to become a concert pianist.



George Slavchev
 Bulgaria

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

John Novacek, United States, practices his pieces for competition later this week. The juniors semifinal rounds started yesterday.

"I can't imagine anything else but playing the piano," he said, "because music is an expression of emotions. It's not just how well you can play the music, but what you put into it."

Slavchev said he makes his music his first priority, practicing no less than four or more than six hours each day.

After the competition is over, he will return to Rice to make up his finals, which were this week, and to play basketball.

"I had to give up basketball, because I couldn't jam my fingers," Slavchev said. "It is very dangerous for pianists, but I really like basketball."

AMBRE LYNN HAMMOND AUSTRALIA

Her semifinal performance seemed to fly yesterday as 16-year-old Ambre Lynn Hammond opened the junior section of the MSIPC round.

"It was over too quickly," she said. "It felt like only five minutes."

But before Hammond from Mossvale, Ambre Lynn Hammond Australia, was



Ambre Lynn Hammond
 Australia

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Banquet honors Southern's finest students

Fields, Womble receive recognition for hard work

Saturday night's Seventh Annual English and Philosophy Awards Banquet honored the cream of the English department's crop of students and writers.

The event, with approximately 100 in attendance, was held at the Women's Club. The event was given an introduction by Dr. Henry Morgan, associate professor of English. Aside from a humorous run-down of the

department faculty and other College faculty by Dr. Arthur Saltzman, professor of English, eight annual awards were presented.

The Lucille Dinges Award, given for best critical essay, was presented to senior Denise Womble. Womble also received the the Nadean Harder Medal for medieval studies.

Junior Kirby Fields received two honors: the Langston Hughes Award, presented by 1993 winner Susan Hilton, for creative writing and the Morgan Award for the best English major.

"I didn't expect to win," Fields



MORGAN

said about the Hughes Award. "I know there was a lot of good competition."

Fields, who will be participating in the Missouri Southern-

sponsored trip to Oxford this summer, intends to use the \$200 he received for the trip.

December graduate Liz Lackey won the Outstanding BSE English major and the Greef Award, a statewide award for the outstanding English education major. Senior Tammy Gardner was named the Outstanding BA English major for the year.

The Albert Storm Award, given for the most promising English major in a profession such as law, medicine, business, or any non-teaching profession, was awarded to senior Susan Wright.

The philosophy award, the Bernard McCormick Award, was given to Thomas Robson, senior math major.

Most awards came with a cash prize between \$50 and \$100.

Members of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, planned a surprise for their advisor, Dr. Doris Walters. Walters, who endured a trip to Memphis with the group for a convention, was given the first "Guru" Award by Sigma Tau Delta president Mark Sweet for her support of the students' endeavors.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Band prepares for road trip

By ERIN HOLLAND
 ARTS EDITOR

On Monday and Tuesday, the Missouri Southern symphonic band will hit the road.

"We used to go to more places," said Pete Havelly, head of the fine arts department, who's

been going on the trips for fifteen years. "But there's been an increase in the costs and not in the budget."

The trip entails performances at Webb City High School, East Newton High School in Granby, and Nixa High School.

"We like to do this trip for recruiting purposes and good

public relations," Havelly said. "We want to make this a fun and enjoyable trip."

The band will spend the night in Springfield.

The 75-piece symphonic band will perform its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in Taylor Auditorium. Admission is free.

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used to work for the police as an informant. People wonder how, in a country where the PRI controls everything, could the security escape control. Obviously, all eyes turned to the PRI itself. It was commented that a conservative wing inside the PRI may have something to do with it. For them Colosio represented an opening that may have jeopardized its privileged control on the economy specially. Naturally, we may never know the truth.

Now, the worse scenario: What may happen if the PRI loses the election in August? When a commentator from radio Netherland asked Carlos Monsivais this question "for a million dollars," the latter turned back the question saying better rephrase it "for a million dead people." In Mexico,

Monsivais said there are people willing to die for the PRI on one side, and others willing to die to defend a possible victory of the opposition. The problem is that after 64 years in power and a history of accusations of fraud, any victory by the PRI in August, be this by a wide or a narrow margin, will be considered as fraudulent by the opposition, according to Monsivais. So, we may wonder now what's next in Mexico.

The problem of Mexico is common to all Latin America. History shows that in the region, the interests of any circumstantial group in power. It doesn't matter who is in charge, a powerful individual or a party, civilians or military. The history of Latin America is a history of conflict. It began during the Conquest,

when the indigenous people were deprived by decree of its humanity to make possible its exploitation. Today, in Latin America, modernization seems also to be conditioned by the resignation of rights, ethics and moral in the political arena. Naturally, this leads to social conflict. This coming August will tell us where Mexico is going. I think that Mexico, and Latin America in general, need, especially after many years of successful rebounding of the economy, to turn their eyes to social problems. This is the recommendation of institutions such as the World Bank. Reasons are simple: It is impossible to maintain a free market economy in a permanent frame of unrest and injustice, and Mexico is such a case.

Question Du Jour

Q: What group that made the Top 40 had the largest number in their name?

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Traffic streaks down Range Line between Seventh Street and 15th Street last night. Spring-like weather encouraged motorists to stay out late.

ELECTION '94

Republicans duel for 127th district

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

And the duel begins... The 127th district seat in the Missouri House of Representatives is up for grabs and the contenders are beginning to sharpen their swords—but no Democrats have waded into the fray.

Incumbent Chuck Surface and them make their own decisions." "My chances are excellent," Surface said. "I have been fortunate enough to have dedicated people working very hard [at getting me reelected]."

Stubblefield is a retired teacher, serving in the Joplin R-8 system for 20 years. He also was a football and track coach.

"I believe in the right to life and that character should be

"I'm a conservative Republican. I'm going to tell people what I stand for and let them make their own decisions."

— Don Stubblefield

Don Stubblefield, both Republicans, are preparing to face off in the August primary.

Surface is a five-term veteran of the House. "You become more effective as the time goes by," he said. "You know your way around the system."

"You become more effective as the time goes by. You know your way around the system."

— Chuck Surface

Stubblefield ran for lieutenant governor of Missouri two years ago. "I got about 80,000 votes," he said. "I won my own county (Newton)."

Both candidates feel good about their chances of being elected.

"I think I will win," Stubblefield said. "I'm a conservative Republican. I'm going to tell people what I stand for and let

ing board for two years and chairman for one year. From 1982 to 1984 he served on the Joplin City Council.

"I feel we should maintain a climate for business to come to Missouri," Surface said. "But one of the first things we have to do is reform workers' compensation. We need to get the attorneys out of the workers' compensation system."

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able to perform in the competition she first had to take a small plane from St. Louis to Joplin.

"I felt like I was in a Sunbeam milkshake maker," Hammond said. "I just knew there was someone back in St. Louis controlling the plane with a remote control."

Hammond has been playing the piano since she was 3. Her mother, Carolyn Hammond, is her piano teacher.

"I think it's good, so when I travel and perform in different places she gives me last-minute help and instruction," Hammond said. "She coaches me anywhere—in restaurants, on the bus."

This is Hammond's first trip to the United States. She learned about the competition from a flyer at a music school in Sidney.

"Who doesn't want to go to America?" Hammond asked. "I read through the program, and it sounded fun."

This is Hammond's second International music competition. She attended a competition in Argentina in August.

"It (MSIPC) looked fairly prestigious and a very interesting competition," she said. "The organization is fabulously done."

"They have gone out of their way to make the musicians comfortable. My host family (Leonard and Nancy Kupersmith) is wonderful."

Hammond has received a positive impression of the United States since her arrival.

"I think American people are so lovely," she said. "Nine out of 10 Americans always have a nice smile for you."

Hammond said the competition reminds her more of a music festival than a "serious and stuffy competition."

Hammond plans to pursue a career as a concert pianist.

"That's what I am doing now, and that's what I'll keep on doing until the day I get rheumatoid arthritis," she said.

At the end of the competition, Hammond and her mother will travel to New York before returning to Australia.

"I've seen it zig-zag across the road, and it was on my car. How can a headlight jump on my car?"

Students, Army couldn't find light

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Countless hours have been spent by observers trying to prove a variety of theories about the Spook Light.

In 1942, students from the University of Michigan camped out in the area for two weeks, testing and experimenting.

They left with no answers.

In 1946, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from Camp Crowder conducted extensive experiments using every device known at that time and made no definite conclusion.

Many others have speculated and experimented, only to walk away baffled.

Other cynical Spook Light observers believe it is merely reflected headlights from cars on the nearby highway, or perhaps luminous swamp gasses or blinking government survey signals.

However, southwest Missourians answer the car-light theory with a simple but unanswered question—"How come it was seen in the 1800s before there were any autos here?"

"I disagree that it is headlights," said Shannon Lightfoot, junior English major at Missouri Southern.

"I have seen it zig-zag across the road, and it was on my car. How can a headlight jump on my car?"

So what is the Spook Light? "I believe it is physically an unexplained phenomenon," said Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology at Southern.

"Mentally it is the subject of our imagination. There are certain things we have yet to explain, and the Spook Light is one of them."

Other more mysterious legends surrounding the Spook Light include the story that it marks the spot where a group of Cherokee Indians, racked by hunger, disease, and exhaustion, were forced to sell their women into slavery near the end of the long "Trail of Tears" in 1836.

The light reportedly glows as an eternal reminder of the cruelty and inhumanity of forced evacuation of Indians from their homeland.

Lately, scientists from the National Geographic Society, the University of Arkansas, and the North American UFO Organization have visited the area.

Not one came up with a logical answer for the existence of the light.

Although many tourists are drawn to the Spook Light, the lonely road remains unpaved and the bordering woods are as

HILLARY RODHAM-CLINTON CLUB

Wilson to speak to women today

'Playing field' includes reform

By JOHN HACKER
SENIOR EDITOR

U.S. Gov. Roger Wilson will visit the Hillary Rodham Clinton Democratic Women's Club today to speak on the activities of the 1994 session of the state legislature.

Wilson will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the club's headquarters at 316 Virginia in Joplin. He said he will discuss some of the major issues facing the state this year, including welfare and health-care reform and the Hancock II amendment.

"The playing field [of issues] is big this year," Wilson told *The Chart*. "Hancock II would wreak havoc on Missouri Southern and public schools in general. I think welfare reform has a good chance of passing



Wilson

this year."

Annetta St. Clair, a professor of political science at Missouri Southern, wrote to Wilson a few days ago inviting him to speak at the club.

"He has a history of coming to southwest Missouri, and known as a friend of Missouri Southern," she said.

St. Clair said the group is expecting 75-100 people to the meeting and covered dinner to be held immediately before Wilson speaks.

"The ladies there always prepare really good food, and are setting 100 place settings," she said.

Wilson said this type of event gives him an opportunity to hear what people in Jefferson City are saying.

"The state is bigger than many people might imagine," he said. "The only way to know what the people's priorities are to go out and listen to what they are saying."

Off The



Beaten Path

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unpleasant sight. The rise of crime and cult activities may reduce the number of visitors

coming to see the famous Spook Light.

"It is not a place for anyone to go alone," Lightfoot said. "Two guys are one thing, two girls should never go alone. There are a lot of things that go out there, and it is not a safe place to be. You wouldn't go with anyone unless I trust them."

While there still are questions as to the light's existence, many people have seen it and know it is there.

"I'm not saying I believe in the Spook Light, and I'm saying I don't believe there is a light," Lightfoot said.

"Supposedly there is a basin (a big valley) before the bridge, and if you cross it after midnight, you can't get back out."

Lightfoot said October of the spring are the best times of the year to see the Spook Light.

"It is also best seen when it is cloudy," she said.

As one might think, Spook Light is not on a light that appears to leave.

It is known to play tricks on people.

"One time I saw it, it was hovering in front of my car, then it bounced over the top and left," Lightfoot said.

SENTINEL PROGRAM

Volunteers fill niche in department

Group serves as model for others

By HEIDI WEAVER
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Sentinel, a citizen program designed to help the Joplin Police Department, aid in non-life-threatening situations from motorist assists to vacation house checks.

"We are a volunteer group of citizens formed to do tasks for the police department such as jump-start cars and assist with traffic," said Phil Garvin, coordinator.

There are approximately 30

sentinels who work from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

"Two sentinels work the shift every day," said Larry Abernathy, another coordinator. "We also do extra things such as assist in parades and football games."

Not all sentinels work the streets, however.

"We have some volunteers who are retired and work during the day," Abernathy said. "We also work the information desk, help with the jail, and do traffic reporting."

Abernathy said volunteers

must fill out a detailed application and go through two screening processes, one by the JPD and another by the sentinels.

"A person can't have a criminal record, and must be an upstanding citizen," Abernathy said. "We don't want anyone who wants to be a cop."

"We just do our job for the city, and that is it."

Once the application is approved and the screening process is complete, the volunteer then must complete approximately 40 hours of training ranging from traffic control to observations.

"When we first started we had

to complete 80 hours of training but now it is cut in half," Abernathy said.

The sentinels have been getting recognition from other communities wanting to start a program.

"Many, many places are learning their community policing after our program," Abernathy said.

Garvin said this program is getting people involved in the community.

"We try and do things that commissioned officers have to do it," Garvin said. "We just want to try and do it to help the general public."

**Do you know an interesting place that is a bit 'Off The Beaten Path?'
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Hancock II proposal draws fire

T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson has fired another shot in a political war over the ballot initiative named Hancock II. Wilson, speaking to a rally assembled for "Mental Illness" yesterday, said the proposal, authored by U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock, would send Missouri in the wrong direction. "What we have is the story of two Mels," he said. "We have Mel Carnahan, who is an advocate of the mentally ill. Then, we have Mel Hancock who has drafted Hancock II. If this measure passes, I guarantee you it will shrink the very services you have fought for so hard over the last decade and a half."

Wilson attempted to enlist the rally's participants in the battle against the grass-roots proposal. "I will not be a part of the demolition of services for the mentally ill," Wilson said. "You and Gov. Carnahan and myself have to be part of the army that makes sure that people understand."

"We do not want to go with Mel backward; we want to go with Mel forward." Wilson told *The Chart* the repercussions of Hancock II's passage would be devastating for mental health and higher education.

"Mental health will suffer a disproportionate hit if this goes through," he said. "That is because they rely so heavily on general revenue for their funding."

"Because higher education is almost totally dependent on general revenue, they could face—I believe—a 32 percent cut."

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that you cannot cut 32 percent from higher education and maintain quality programs at every institution."

Wilson said the cuts that would be necessary in the wake of the initiative's passage are not the kind of moves that would make Missouri competitive.

"If we have to tighten our belts that significantly, we can do it," he said. "But it will slow us to a limp in a race we are trying to win."

"That is no way to make your state first. That's no way to treat a generation of kids—by giving them an inadequate education."

Wilson said he trusts the people to make the right call if it comes in a vote.



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Bud Kornis (above) entertains mental health advocates at the fifth annual Mental Illness Awareness Day yesterday. Tina Henderson (below left) and Tammy Pitt (below right) prepare to hoist a painted sign asking lawmakers to "bury the stigma" of mental illness.



DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH Mental illness focus of rally

Group honors Roper-Park for service

Nearly 2,000 advocates for a better mental health system descended on the Capitol yesterday to fight for equal treatment and more government action.

The afternoon rally featured music, awards for persons who have distinguished themselves in support of the mentally ill, and an address by Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson.

"I am extremely glad you have taken the time to take part in this process," Wilson told the gathering. "I firmly believe the more hands you have on the wheel in state government, the better."

Rep. Carole Roper-Park (D-Kansas City) was honored by the gathering for her work in the legislature on behalf of the mentally ill. Roper-Park is resigning her seat in the House to run for the 5th District seat in the U.S. Congress.

Roper-Park said she would continue her mental health work in Washington.

"I am running for Congress partly because of all you," she said. "In working with you, I have seen how important it is to have access to health care."

Roper-Park also said the gathering makes a good impression on legislators.

"It is very important that you came here today," she said. "It shows strength through numbers."

"It lets the legislators see that you are real people with real stories; you need to tell them those stories."

The rally was the fifth event and advocates from all parts of the state in order to meet with legislators and show support for health care legislation.

Many of those in attendance carried placards urging lawmakers to "bury the stigma" of mental illness.

A major issue the rally sought to address is parity. Advocates want mental illness to be considered on the same level as other illnesses when considered for insurance.

Experts estimate that 19 percent of Americans suffer from a mental disorder, including alcohol and drug abuse, in any six-month period.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Whitman accepts post at Northwest

Dr. Richard Whitman, currently the dean of the college of communication and the arts at James Madison University, has been appointed to the position of vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Missouri State University.

The announcement came Monday from Northwest President Dean Hubbard, following a telephone conference meeting of the university's board of regents.

Whitman has served in his present position at James Madison since 1987. Previously, he was at Ohio University as director of the school of interpersonal communication.

The native South Dakota holds a Ph.D. in communication theory from the University of Nebraska.

Western VP off to Umpqua CC

Dr. Berta Dargen, administrative associate and the vice president for academic affairs at Missouri Western State College, has received a new position as the vice president of instructional services at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore.

Dargen has held her current position since she began at Western in 1987. She received her doctorate in higher education at the University of Arkansas that year.

"While at Missouri Western I have had the opportunity to contribute to some important projects, including the North Central accreditation, studying our open-door admission philosophy and policies, and developing a gerontology/aging minor," she said.

Umpqua Community College is a school with approximately 5,000 students. Dargen will begin there in July.

SMS foundation invests wisely

The Southwest Missouri State University Foundation has received a second-place ranking in the nation for its 20.3 percent per year return on investments.

The combination of new gifts and the high rate of return has helped the foundation's endowment grow from \$2,189,982 on July 1, 1987, to \$8,570,528 on June 30, 1993.

"When we realize a good return on the investment of our endowed funds, the net result is more financial aid for our students, more support for our faculty, and more dollars for our many academic programs," said Greg Onstot, vice president for university advancement and executive director of the SMSU Foundation.

Crowder group adopts a creek

Aqua-Tech, the student organization of the Environmental Resource Center at Crowder College, has adopted a section of Shoal Creek as part of the Missouri Department of Conservation's Adopt-A-Stream program.

The Adopt-A-Stream program enables volunteers to participate in stream conservation projects such as water quality monitoring, stream clean-ups, bank restoration and stabilization, and community education. Students receive training in water quality monitoring techniques from workshops offered by the Department of Conservation and Crowder College faculty.

At present, 11 students have been trained to participate. They also will sponsor stream clean-ups several times a year to help maintain the aesthetic quality of Shoal Creek.

Lichtenegger slated to address SEMO graduation

John Lichtenegger, former president of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, will present the commencement address at Southeast Missouri State University on May 7.

Lichtenegger, of Jackson, Mo., served on the "Task Force on Critical Choices in Higher Education" in 1992. He is a practicing attorney.

Commencement exercises are scheduled for 2 p.m.

HB 2000

House health-care package in critical condition

Griffin, Carnahan backed bill dealt 92-62 defeat

T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

State health-care reform is dying, and the doctors can't agree on a cure.

"There is no common ground right now—none whatsoever," said Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin). "It will be back, though—without a doubt."

Burton joined 91 other House members Monday in voting

down HB 2000, a health-care reform measure sponsored by House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) and endorsed by Gov. Mel Carnahan. He said the bill was defeated by members of both parties.

"We sat back and let them kill the bill themselves," Burton said. "They put a lot of amendments on it that their people couldn't live with either."

Griffin said he is not giving up

on advancing reform.

"Right now, we are analyzing our votes and determining the objections to the substitute we introduced for perfection," he said. "If there's a smaller step we can accomplish, we'll try that."

However, Griffin and Carnahan have several provisions they are unwilling to sacrifice.

"We need true market reforms instead of some phony stuff where they have all kinds of modifiers," Griffin said.

Griffin said he is not giving up

"Preexisting conditions and portability are also components we want."

Rep. Pat Kelley (R-Lee's Summit) said these are issues supported by Republicans as well.

"We have said all through the debate on health care that we are supportive of reform that will provide access to insurance for these people who have preexisting medical conditions and who move from job to job," Kelley said. "There are workable reforms that will make health

insurance available to thousands of people without disrupting our whole health-care system or bringing it under total government control."

All but two House Republicans voted against HB 2000.

A Senate health-care bill, sponsored by Sen. J.B. "Jet" Banks (D-St. Louis), is headed for the House. Burton said it likely will be altered on arrival.

"When Banks' bill comes over, they'll debate it, they'll amend it, they'll try to do some things," he said.

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Dr. Charles McClain isn't going anywhere—at least not for another year.

McClain has agreed to stay on for another academic year as commissioner for higher education. He is retaining the post at the request of Gov. Mel Carnahan.

"The governor asked me to stay on until the [Coordinating] Board finds a new commissioner," he said. "I had not planned

on staying beyond the summer.

"However, the governor was very persuasive, and I think by staying on I can help make this a better transition."

The CBHE has been unable to find a successor, and Carnahan recommended McClain extend his service one year. He will serve through May 1995.

"At this crucial juncture in higher education, Charles' exemplary leadership will ensure continuity within the organization and foster the smoothest transition possible," Carnahan said.

McClain said the naming of his successor has been delayed by the shifting dynamics of the Board.

"We've had several new appointments to the Board, and there are likely to be a few more new Board members appointed soon," McClain said. "Part of this is that these members need to be a vital part of the selection process."

"I've seen cases where one Board selects a person and within months a new Board is appointed."

McClain agreed to remain on for one academic year. He said the academic calendar makes the most sense when considering terms.

"Things work in academic years," he said. "If I decided to do something else, it would probably work in terms of the academic calendar."

McClain said he is remaining out of the selection process.

"I think that is best left to the Board," he said. "I can't speak for anyone, but I do see it getting done within the next year."

McClain agrees to remain at CBHE

DOUBLE DUTY



Deborah Solomon/The Chart

Jim Walther, English instructor and a Missouri Southern student, discusses an assignment for his Oral Communications class with fellow classmate Kanin Rook, freshman physical education major.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Walther: teach & be taught

By SEAN DAVISON
CHART REPORTER

One hour he's at the front of a classroom lecturing, the next he's sitting at a desk next to a Missouri Southern student.

Jim Walther, a post-graduate English major, is unlike any other student at Southern. Along with taking 13 credit hours, he also teaches English Composition 101 and 102.

"I've come back to school for teacher certification just in case I want to teach high school someday," Walther said.

The state of Missouri requires a total of 41 post-graduate credits to become certified as a high school teacher. He needs 26 more to reach his goal.

Walther was a student at Southern from 1986 to 1988 before receiving his bachelor's degree at the University of Kansas in 1990. He obtained

his master's degree from Southwest Texas State in 1993.

"Every time I go to the cashier's office, they can't cash my check," Walther said. "They always ask if I'm a student or faculty before cashing my check."

With the hour-to-hour transition of teacher to student somewhat difficult for him, students also have a different interpretation of him.

"One of the hardest things about being a teacher and a student is that the people in the classes expect I should know more and set a good example," Walther said.

Presentation is one of the most important aspects in Walther's teaching. He believes his favorite teacher, Eric Morris, instructor in communications, provides a good example of this.

"He's interesting and funny, which is the way I try to present myself," Walther said. "I

listen as he talks about all the speeches and think about how I can present myself to the students."

After spending three years at Southern on both sides of the desk, Walther has found that he would like to see some changes in the near future.

"I would change the library; it needs more books," he said. "I would also change the amount of work expected in classes and the smoking policies in the buildings, or at least provide somewhere inside to smoke."

Walther was born in Norman, Okla., and raised in Pittsburg, Kan. Besides attending Southern for two years, he also went to the University of Kansas and Southwest Texas State University.

"I like a bigger school; you're expected to do more work by yourself."

In addition to reading, he also enjoys creative writing, karate, and collecting dragons.

DENTAL HYGIENE

Dentist joins College lo

Remaining in Joplin, trips to Las Vegas right life for Miller

By CARRIE GLAZE
CHART REPORTER

Pizza delivery man, liquor store clerk, and dentist. Dr. Samuel Miller held each of these jobs before becoming affiliated with Missouri Southern's dental program.

Miller, who has been practicing dentistry for three years, has a private practice and is also available on campus Tuesday mornings.

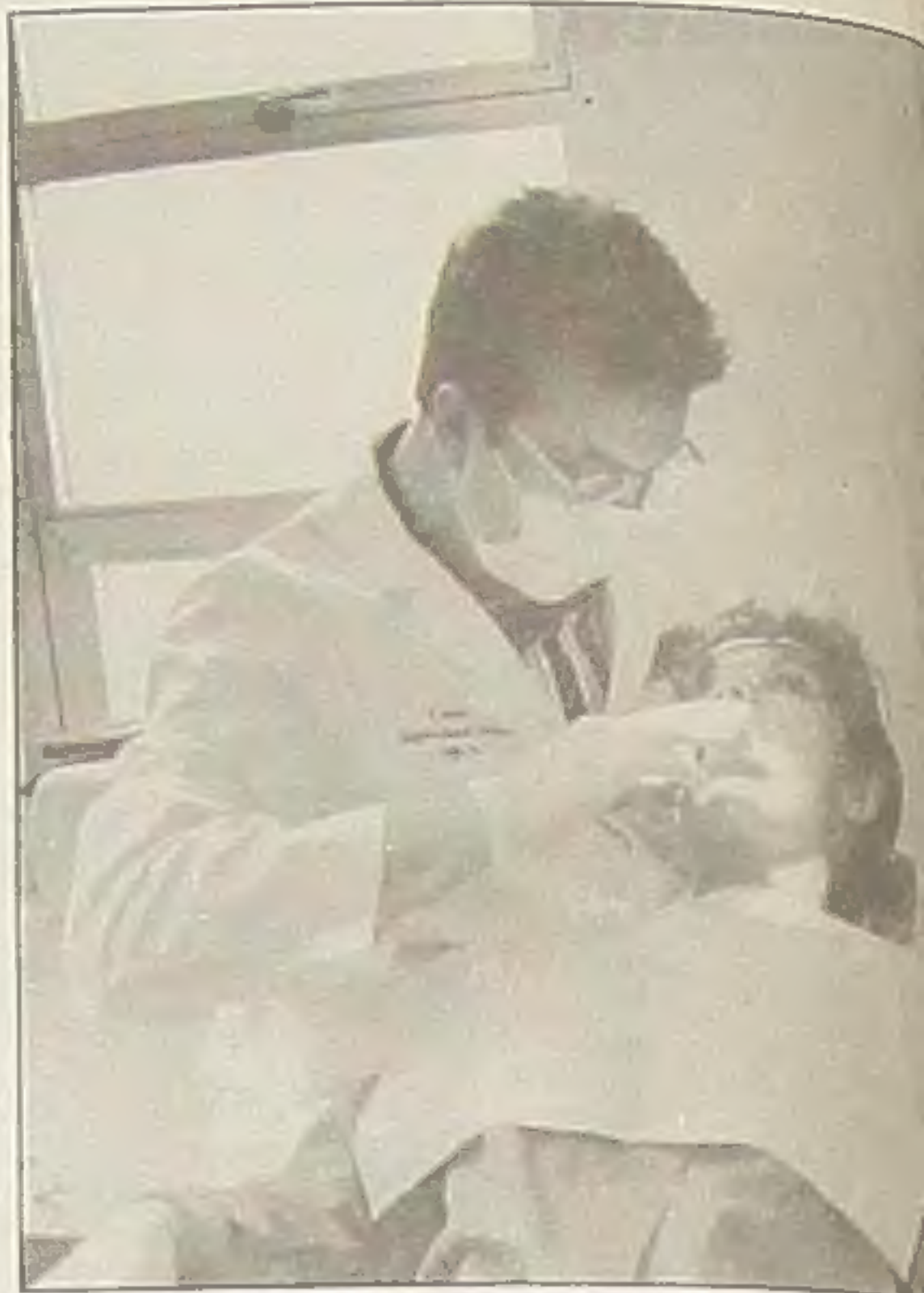
He was born in Carrollton, "a farm town with one stop light." Miller has also lived in Lexington and Warrensburg, when his father, Robert, taught at Central Missouri State University. His father came to Southern in 1968.

Golfing, listening to rock music, and reading Rush Limbaugh books are a few of the things Miller enjoys in his spare time. He also likes to play with his black Labrador retriever.

Traveling is also something he enjoys doing. He and his wife of nearly three years, Gina, try to go to Las Vegas two or three times a year. "Vegas is my favorite place in the world," he said with confidence that he will be returning soon.

Miller plans to live in Joplin for the rest of his life. He does admit that in a perfect world he would like to live in Flagstaff, Ariz., "where it's warm all the time, but the dental career makes it hard to move from state to state due to the many laws each state has."

Ex-presidents Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon are the two people he looks to as role models. George Brett, retired Royals' third baseman, is one of his heroes. "I can remember growing up and watching him



play baseball," he said.

The best and worst parts of his job are helping people and making them feel better. He does not enjoy fighting the public's per-

the office wearing jeans, Big Head Todd and Monsters T-shirt. Casual is what makes him comfort-

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"[He advises college students to] experience everything you can. If you have to take a couple years off, take a couple of years off."

— Dr. Samuel Miller

ception of dentists. Stereotypes also make his job harder.

"I like the challenges that dentistry gives me and meeting new people," he said.

Tia Strait, dental hygiene instructor, gave him the opportunity to get involved with the dental program here. He also teaches pharmacology in the fall at Southern.

A change he would like to see happen is "to be able to come to

his wife along, too.

Miller received his bachelor's science degree from Southern in 1987. He obtained his master's from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1990 and opened his Joplin practice in the summer.

He advises college students to "experience everything you can. If you have to take a couple years off, take a couple years off."

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT

Central Mo. graduate steering students toward jobs

New coordinator finds role models in activists of past, 'ordinary people'

By LORAH GREER
CHART REPORTER

For students planning a career, Jennifer Yazell may hold the key to their future.

Yazell, career services coordinator at Missouri Southern, is devoted to helping students make the right decision in achieving their goals.

"Don't wait until your second semester of your senior year," she said. "It is never too early to start finding out about career opportunities."

Yazell believes in students going out and gaining quality experience.

"Do volunteer work or work part-time; do whatever you can to make yourself more marketable," she said. "These days

when students graduate and have five, six, or seven years of experience, employers are more likely to pick them as the best candidate for the job."

Yazell and her husband moved to Neosho in July 1992, when her husband accepted a

was a "culture shock."

When Yazell is not helping students plan their careers, she enjoys reading biographies and spending time with her 18-month-old daughter, Audrey.

"Being a mother is a pretty satisfying job," she said.

One of her role models is Gloria Steinem, a social activist. She is also a fan of Martin Luther King Jr., whom

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position teaching speech and theatre at Crowder College. Yazell said coming to Neosho from a big city like Kansas City

she believes was really before his time.

"He saw things about the American culture and the way

we treat each other," said. "In a way, he was a prophet."

"As far as ordinary people, Nancy Loomer (direct career planning and placement) is a real role model. I really love working with her."

At Central Missouri University, Yazell was editor and lifestyle/entertainment editor of the newspaper.

She received her bachelor's degree in journalism and her master's degree in speech communication. She taught public speaking three semesters as a graduate assistant.

The size of Southern is not something Yazell is not used to. Given an opportunity to do one thing about the college, she would make it larger. The smaller-sized campus Southern is a nice change of scenery for her.



YAZELL

BILLINGSLEY STUDENT CENTER

Stennett enjoys fishing, fathering

By JIM BLOBAUM
CHART REPORTER

Ever wonder who cleans up the Billingsley Student Center after a few thousand students do their best to make a mess of it every day? His name is Jim Stennett, and he's been the first- and second-floor janitor since the middle of December.

"I wasn't always a janitor," said Stennett, who installed swimming pools for more than 15 years before coming to Missouri Southern. "You learn a lot of things installing swimming pools."

"You have to know a lot about plumbing, how to pour concrete,

not to mention electrical."

Stennett, a supervisor for an installation crew, worked on-site with his team. "I was in charge—if anything went wrong it was my fault," he said.

The elevation a pool is placed at is also important, he says. Placing the pool as little as six inches too deep can cause it to fill with run-off every time it rains. According to Stennett, this requires good math skills.

"I really liked the job [working outdoors], but I just couldn't stand the long commute," he said. His company was located in Springfield.

Stennett is a family man. Twice married, he has two sons and a daughter. His first two children, ages 10 and 12, still

live with him. Stennett says he really enjoys his role as "Mr. Mom."

His third child, 2, and the family dog, formally named Luger Wolfgang Stennett, have an unusually close relationship.

"He was just a puppy when we brought Andrew home from the hospital. They grew up together," Stennett said. Two years later, that rottweiler puppy tips the scales at 140 pounds.

A fisherman, Stennett claims to have caught a 47-pound flathead several years ago. He has been a deer hunter all his life. Ten years ago he and his .30/30-caliber rifle brought down a 12-point buck. That was the biggest he had ever caught.



STENNETT

TRACK & FIELD

Lion athletes make nationals

P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Warm weather prevailed over the MSSC Crossroads Invitational as Coach Tom Rutledge predicted, and now two Missouri Southern students will head to North Carolina for the national championships.

Ramsey, who already had an automatic qualifying time for the NCAA nationals in 1991, broke a meet and stadium record in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.83 seconds. The old stadium record was 54.5 by unattached John Allmon in 1991.

Ramsey also won the 110-meter hurdles and tied for fourth in the high jump Saturday.

The women's leader, Tongula Walker, recovered enough from a knee sprain to win the triple jump with a 40 foot, 2-inch jump and break the old meet record of 39-6 3/4, set by Southwest Missouri State's Rachel Huntley last year.

Ramsey and Walker were both named MIAA outdoor track and field athletes of the week.

Another Southern leader was senior runner Higinio Covarrubias, who battled Missouri State's Eliasa Tanyi to win the 100-meter event by less than a

half-second.

"The guy (Tanyi) he beat was no slouch," Rutledge said. "I'm proud of our kids."

Other highlights included junior Mary Adamson finishing second behind Walker in the triple jump and freshman Kim Dinan finishing fourth in the high jump.

Scott Tarnowiecky placed fourth in the 200 meters and the triple jump and fifth in the long jump and the 100-meter race.

Senior Jason Riddle was third in the 5,000 meters.

Josh Rogers was fourth in the 3,000 steeplechase, and the relay team placed fourth and fifth in the 4-by-100 relay and the 4-by-400 relay, respectively. Jamie Nofsinger was fourth in the 1500 meter race.

Rutledge said due to extra help on the part of the Southern athletic department, the meet ran smoother than usual.

"We had great help; it was the best it has ever been," he said. "I even got to do some coaching this year."

The Lions and Lady Lions are preparing for two meets this week. Decathletes and heptathletes will go to the Kansas University Relays today through Saturday and the University of Arkansas meet on Saturday, also.

"The women, they're going to

AIRBORNE



P.J. GRAHAM/The Chart

Despite a knee sprain, Tongula Walker breaks the old meet record in the triple jump at the MSSC Crossroads Invitational.

have some participants do well, but it's going to be difficult for us to win," Rutledge said. "We're going to improve the younger girls for the future."

He said it would take a "supreme effort" on the men's part to win due to the stringent

competition from teams like Central Missouri State University and Emporia State University.

"The guys are really going to have to perform and perform well—and consistently," Rutledge added.

FOOTBALL

Returnees set to lead '94 Lions

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Heading into Saturday's public scrimmage, Jon Lantz is optimistic.

"We've had a couple of good weeks," said Missouri Southern's head football coach. "They've been quiet weeks, and we were able to get a lot of work done without a lot of fanfare."

That work has included determining who will lead the Lions' offense in 1994.

"Right now, our No. 1 goal is selecting a quarterback," Lantz said. "It's a two-horse race between G.W. Posey and Doug Switzer."

"Right now they are neck and neck; the last week will tell the story."

Lantz said he likes both players' ability.

"They both throw well, both are intelligent, both make good reads," he said. "It'll be a tough choice."

Elsewhere, Lantz said the Lions are in good shape.

"Albert Bland is back at tailback, and we return four of the five on the offensive line."

"We're waiting for the fifth one to step forward."

Cornerback Cedric Florence, a second-team Football Gazette All-American in 1993, returns to anchor what Lantz sees as a promising defense.

"I think we will be quicker," he said. "Hopefully, we will be both bigger and quicker."

"I think we will have one of the top defenses in the league."

All told, the Lions, 9-1-1 and MIAA champions last year, return 17 of 22 starters. Nine returnees lead the defense, and eight offensive starters are back in 1994.

Lantz thinks this experience will serve the Lions well in conference play.

"I like to think we will be in the hunt," he said. "We need to look at who is back at each school and who they've lost."

"You just never know; a lot of things can happen between now and September."

The Lions open the 1994 season Sept. 10 against the University of Central Arkansas Bears in Conway, Ark.

SPORTS COLUMN



DAVID BURNETT

Royals could use Wente's '94 statistics

Wayne's World. Party time. Excellent.

No, I'm not referring to the movie, but rather the incredible season that Wayne Wente is having for the baseball Lions.

Wente is currently listed in five of the six MIAA top 10 hitting categories.

His numbers include 10 home runs, five triples, 19 doubles, 55 RBIs, and a .450 batting average. He has achieved all of this in only 40 games and 131 at-bats. If I were going to be picky, I would complain about his stolen base totals, but I won't for two reasons.

One is that senior center-fielder Mike Zirngibl has swiped enough bases (40) to compensate for the whole team. The second is that Will Clark of the Texas Rangers is my favorite player, and he isn't known to steal bases either.

Wente, a left-handed senior outfielder, is, in my opinion, MIAA player of the year material. But the conference tournament is right around the corner and how Wente produces there will determine if the award is justified.

They say star players play big in big games. I guess we'll find out Saturday against Northeast Missouri State University.

If Wente does come through this weekend, he just might lead Southern to another regional tournament appearance.

Wayne's World. Party time. Excellent.

While I'm on the subject of post-season play, I cannot pass up the opportunity to be premature and say the Kansas City Royals have a chance to make the playoffs this year. With three divisions in each league this year plus a wild-card team, anything can happen.

I wasn't sure how excited I could get this year over the Royals' chances with the retirement of future Hall of Famer George Brett. But the emergence of rookie designated hitter Bob Hamelin has optimism running rampant in all Royal fans.

The starting pitching staff of David Cone, Kevin Appier, Mark Gubicza, Tom (Flash) Gordon, and Chris Haney is more than enough to win the American League Central if the hitting doesn't disappear.

Offensively, everyone needs to have a good year. There isn't enough depth or power on the team for anyone to have an off year, but the return of outfielder Felix Jose from a shoulder injury could boost the offense the extra yard it needs if he can stay healthy.

The Royals, 7-6 at this writing, are not the most talented team in the American League or the Central division for that matter, but hustle and desire can make up for a lot.

If you don't believe me, just ask the 1985 St. Louis Cardinals.

There is one last note of interest this week. The baseballs in the major leagues are not juiced up.

Yes there have been more home runs this year than normal, but it is not due to the baseballs. The explanation is simple. The incredibly small strike zone in the majors is finally taking effect.

The shrinking strike zone is the worst attempt to create offense since the designated hitter rule.

Pitchers are not rewarded anymore. The hitters are the crowd pleasers, and baseball is reacting to that. I don't like it, but then again, I'm a fan of baseball, not home run derby.

David Burnett

SOFTBALL

Lady Lions looking to climb in standings

'model student-athletes' say goodbye to Southern between games of twinbill

CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Yesterday the Missouri Southern Lady Lions said thanks to their

Angie Hadley, Cathy Mazingo, Natasha Fluke, and Cindy Murguia were honored between games at Len Kungle Field.

Lady Lion Coach Pat Lipira said all four were shining examples of what she expected from her athletes.

"All four of these young ladies are model student-athletes," he said.

"They excel on the field and in the classroom."

Lipira said the rest of the squad looks up to the four.

"I would ask all of my players to model themselves after these young ladies," she said. "Both they and their parents have been very supportive of Missouri Southern."

This weekend's MIAA interdivisional tournament in Shawnee, Kan., could provide the Lady Lion softball team an opportunity to move up in the conference standings.

"We'll end up with an 11-game conference record,"

Lipira said. "The best we can do is 9-2, and that is obviously what we are shooting for."

After this weekend's action, all 11 teams will be seeded for the MIAA postseason tournament.

Last weekend, Southern, 34-10 overall and 3-2 in the MIAA, traveled to St. Joseph for the Missouri Western Invitational. The Lady Lions swept through pool play on Saturday and beat NAIA powerhouse Oklahoma City University 2-1 in 10 innings to take the tournament crown.

"This weekend was great for us," Lipira said. "Any time you beat Oklahoma City, who is ranked No. 1 in the NAIA, it is a good win."

"Their only losses are to NCAA Division I teams."

Yesterday, the Lady Lions entertained Northeastern [Okla.] State.

The Lady Lions took the first game of the doubleheader 2-0 on the strength of Angie Hadley's one-hitter. It was her 60th collegiate win.

The game was scoreless going into the bottom of the fourth, when sophomore Melissa Grider scored on Mazingo's double. Mazingo later scored on sophomore Shari Heider's single.

In the second game, Southern jumped out to a two-run lead in the first inning, but junior pitcher Andrea Clarke got into trouble in the third, and NSU scored three runs.

Freshman Holly Trantham came on in relief in Southern's 4-3 defeat.

BASEBALL

Southern hosts Bulldogs in MIAA play-in

Wright and Cook nabbed to start games for Lions

ERIN HOLLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a weekend in which it clinched the MIAA South Division championship, the Missouri Southern baseball team is now preparing for this weekend's MIAA interdivisional play-in games.

Pitchers Scott Wright and Matt Cook led the Lions to an 8- and 9-2 sweep of Southwest Baptist Friday at Joe Becker Stadium.

"I think we did real well on Friday," said Jason Ansley, sophomore outfielder. "We knew we had to win both games to

clench the title."

Southern headed to Bolivar Saturday to face the Bearcats on their home field. The Lions lost both games, 10-0 and 5-4.

"We had a terrible day," said Bobby Hixon, senior pitcher. "We didn't hit the ball like we should have, and our pitching wasn't that strong."

Southern, 28-15 overall and 12-3 in the South Division, hosts Northeast Missouri State University (11-24-1 and 6-11) at noon Saturday in a best two-of-three play-in series. If needed, a single game will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The team has been hot this year when it comes to its offense. Wayne Wente is hitting .450 with 10 home runs, and Mike Zirngibl is batting .348 with 40 stolen bases in 44

attempts.

Wright and Cook are scheduled to start Saturday's games for the Lions.

"We have a lot of confidence in our pitchers," Ansley said. "From here on out we take things one level at a time."

In other MIAA play-in series this weekend, Central Missouri State (36-7 and 15-1) hosts Southwest Baptist (25-14 and 10-8), Washburn (33-10 and 13-6) entertains Missouri-St. Louis (22-11 and 11-5), and Pittsburg State (28-16 and 12-4) meets Emporia State (21-19 and 8-9).

The four winning teams advance to the MIAA championship tournament April 29-May 1 at the site of the highest remaining North Division seed.

"We're really excited for this weekend," Hixon said. "We have a good feeling about this weekend."

FOOTBALL

Scaled-back NFL draft may give Smith chance

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When the National Football League begins its draft Sunday, Rod Smith may well hear his name called.

Smith, a 1993 Missouri Southern graduate, has been evaluated by several NFL teams and Lions' Head Coach Jon Lantz said this draft may favor players like Smith.

"If he is taken, it is a healthy signal for [NCAA] Division II," Lantz said. "With the salary cap situation, any club signing a player out of a D-II school won't have to shell out a lot of money right away."

"That can help the chances of

a guy like Rod."

Lantz said he is aware of three teams who have brought Smith in for workouts.

"Miami flew him down, the [Philadelphia] Eagles flew him down, and the [Denver] Broncos are going to fly him in."

"Normally, when teams drop \$1,000 or so to fly you in, that is a good indication that they are interested."

The NFL draft has been reduced in the number of rounds, and Lantz said that also reflects favorably on Smith.

He said the pay won't be bad either.

"What I hear is that he could get around \$1 million for three years," Lantz said. "Even if he doesn't start, that's a good salary."

"I wouldn't mind sitting on the bench for that kind of money."



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Major League Baseball

Five professional baseball teams that no longer exist:

Baltimore Monumentals	1884
Chicago Whales	1914-15
Louisville Colonels	1882-99
Newark Peppers	1915
Rochester Hop Bitters	1890

Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 Final Four

Missouri Southern's team of seniors Michelle Dixon and Stacy Brown and freshmen Annie Richardson and Neely Burkhart will compete for the national championship this Saturday at Houston, Texas.

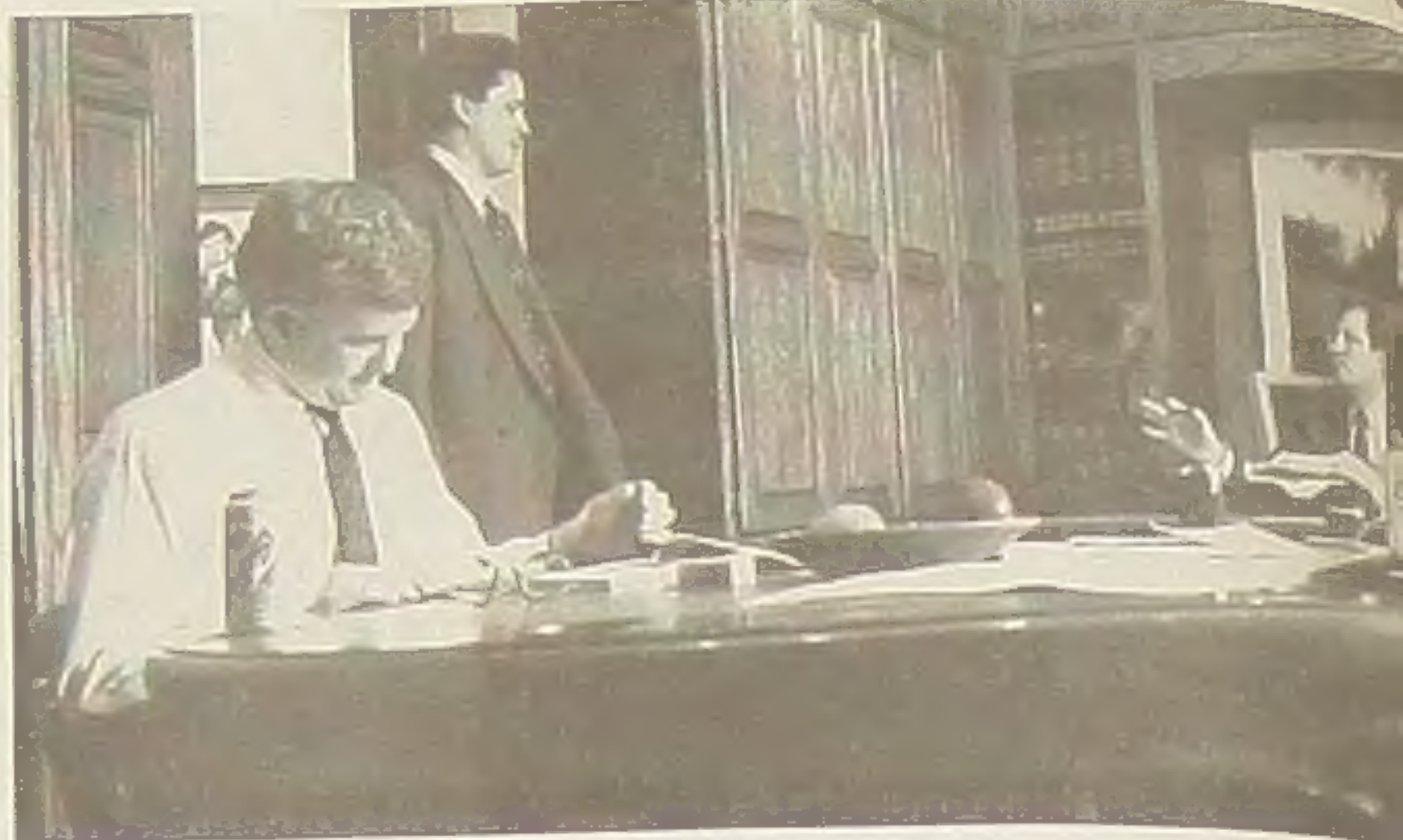
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GOP leader works to keep things moving



Sen. Francis (Franc) Flotron takes control in both the Senate chamber (left) and in his office (above). As minority floor leader, Flotron helps shepherd GOP priorities through the Senate and works to build bipartisan coalitions on measures before the state's senior legislative body. Flotron has served in the Senate since 1988.

Flotron eschews party-line votes, favors 'scintillating debate'

The first thing people notice when they visit Sen. Francis Flotron (R-St. Louis) is "The Diver."

On the back wall of Flotron's office is a larger-than-life charcoal drawing of a Speedo-clad diver in mid-ascent.

"People see that and look at me like I'm Robert Mapplethorpe," Flotron said. "This is a pretty conservative town."

The irony in this is that the comments come from the Missouri Senate's chief Republican. As minority floor leader, Flotron normally stakes out positions as conservative as anyone in Jefferson City.

In fact, one area lawmaker thinks Flotron may be going places.

"He could be a candidate for governor in 1996," said Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin). "He is one of the most intelligent people in the legislature."

A day with Flotron will confirm Burton's observations. He is definitely a man with a purpose.

On one recent Tuesday (April 12), Flotron battled a bad back en route to a 13-hour workday.

8 a.m.

Flotron joins the Senate rules, joint rules, and resolutions committee for a meeting in the office of Sen. J.B. "Jet" Banks. The meeting lasts a little more than an hour, pressing Flotron for time. The Senate pensions committee, of which he is a member, began meeting at 11 a.m.

Flotron joins the Senate pensions committee in session. The meeting lasts for about 30 minutes, but his participation is limited by interruptions by Bryan Fawks, Flotron's administrative assistant.

9:45 a.m.

Flotron walks at a quick pace

in his office. On the way, he stops for a brief conversation with Marsha Richeson, a lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union. Richeson gives Flotron a cigarette and gives her opinion of pending legislation.

The smoking habit is one Flotron picked up in Jefferson City.

"I never smoke in St. Louis," he said. "I guess it is just this environment."

Flotron returns to his office to find six representatives of American Life Insurance Co. The discussion focuses on health care—specifically HB 1622 and SB 722. The bills are scheduled for debate within the week.

Flotron clearly favors the Senate measure sponsored by Banks to the House version introduced by House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) and endorsed by Gov. Mel Carnahan.

"Considering the amount of debate [on HB 1622], not a damn soul understands a thing about this bill—including the sponsor," Flotron said. "This one (SB 722) contains 90 percent of what 90 percent of the people want."

The whistle summoning senators to the floor sounds twice before Flotron can break away and report to the floor for the morning session.

10:30 a.m.

The Senate's morning session begins with the perfection of SB 722. Flotron, fresh from his strategy session and armed with amendments, joins the debate.

Flotron introduces two amendments to Banks' health-care bill. Both are approved on voice votes.

For the remainder of the morning session, Flotron battles the back problem that is "killing" him. He remains mobile, conversing with colleagues and

meeting others in the side galleries.

"We all do that," he said. "Maybe I seem more active today because my back is hurting."

"Maybe I just need to move."

Noon

Lunch is no picnic for Flotron. During the noon recess, he returns some calls, microwaves a meal, and talks about life as leader of the opposition party.

"The easiest thing in the world would be for them to exclude the minority," he said. "But I really don't see any advantages in strict party-line votes—primarily since I would lose."

"When we work toward resolution on an issue, we need to cut across party lines."

Flotron does not shy away from criticizing Carnahan and the Democrats, however. Like most Missouri Republicans, Flotron takes issue with last year's tax increase for education.

"Nothing in my 12 years here has angered me more than it's passage," he said. "It angered me because of the fashion in which it was jammed through."

1 p.m.

"I need to be in about eight places right now," Flotron tells a caller. "Can it hold?"

Flotron takes and returns calls, but he is not shy about insisting he be allowed to meet his schedule. To remind himself, Flotron carries a printout of his schedule. He will refer to that calendar regularly throughout a typical day.

Right now, Flotron is expected in the Senate labor and industrial relations committee. On the way, he stops to chat with a reporter for the Associated Press and exchanges quick hellos with lobbyist John Britton.

Two House workers' compensa-

tion bills are under consideration, and Flotron is looking to get a measure he introduced earlier tacked onto one of the two bills being heard. Neither sponsor is warm to the idea, but Flotron gives it a shot. Democratic committee members vote down his amendments.

1:45 p.m.

Flotron and Fawks huddle in the senator's office for a strategy session on a bill to be heard later that evening in the Senate aging, families, and mental health committee. Flotron intends to offer a substitute to a bill authored by Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia). During the session, he occasionally seeks relief for his back by stretching in the doorway or leaning back in his chair while fielding phone calls.

Fawks reminds Flotron that he has been widely quoted as supporting video poker.

"I gotta see that article," he tells Fawks. "I want to see that sucker."

Flotron reads the clip, and Fawks relates the problems it has created.

"It was all over the place statewide," he said. "Constituents have been calling and asking how Franc could propose that."

2:45 p.m.

A group of fourth graders gathers outside Flotron's office as the afternoon session prepares to convene.

"When you watch the Senate, you may think that the members are not well behaved," he tells the children. "They may seem like they are not paying attention or just standing around. The man with the gavel is there to keep the adults in line."

6 p.m.

Flotron's back is visibly pain- ing him. He has been speaking on a bill designed to allow collective bargaining for state employ- ees. Despite the efforts of Sen. John Schneider (D-Florissant), the bill's sponsor, Flotron refuses to relinquish the floor.

"Senator, are you saying that I talk too much?" Flotron asks Schneider. "I have the floor, sir, and it is a very nice floor; I would like to retain it."

Flotron drops to his knees in an effort to tease Schneider.

"Have you seen this carpet? It is nice," he says.

In order to keep his bill alive, Schneider places the measure on the informal calendar before the Senate adjourns.

Flotron's "scintillating debate" (he dislikes the term filibuster) lasted 53 minutes, but the discussion behind the scenes is just beginning.

6:30 p.m.

Eight people representing various constituencies meet in Flotron's office to eat pizza and discuss the best way to kill Schneider's bill. Some express the belief that the bill's supporters have the votes to pass the measure.

Flotron agrees.

"They only have a handful that really want it, and that's enough," he tells the group.

Eventually, the group drafts 13 amendments designed to make the bill unpalatable to its supporters.

Eschewing the V8 he has been drinking all day, Flotron pops a Bud Light and begins to delegate and plan.

"OK, let's divide this up," he says. "Everyone pick an amendment and a senator to introduce it, and let's get this done."

"Let's meet at 8 a.m. in the cafeteria and coordinate it all."

8 p.m.

Flotron gathers his notes, heads for the Senate aging, families, and mental health committee. Kelly introduces the bill to the Senate, and Flotron, his substitute. The committee takes no action.

8:45 p.m.

Fawks meets Flotron in the committee room and walk to the office.

"I need to return some calls before I call it a day," Flotron says to one in particular. "It's been a long day."

Flotron tries to get to the top of a quick rise.

Francis E. Flotron Jr. was born in 1947 to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1988, at the age of 27.

A graduate of Washington University with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Flotron was a factory's representative for Four Seasons Supply (mechanical equipment) prier. He was a delegate to the 1976 and 1980 Republican state conventions.

Flotron served in the Missouri Senate in 1988, elected as the *Spirit of Enterprise* standing legislator in Missouri Chamber of Commerce in 1992.

He is the founder and principal owner of a consulting firm.



Flotron greets a group of fourth-grade students in the hallway outside his office. Flotron tells the students that while it may appear senators aren't paying attention in the chamber, they hear everything that is said. Later that day, Flotron introduced the group on the floor of the Senate.

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MATHEWSON



WEBSTER



GRIFFIN

"A Day at the Capitol" has been spent with

1992 - John Britton, lobbyist

1991 - Sen. James Mathewson

1990 - Speaker of the House Bob Griffin

1989 - Sen. Roger Wilson (D)

1987 - Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carhage)